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The axe falls on player payments

The economic recession and low crowds of last season have prompted most national league clubs to slash their budgets ruthlessly.

Most clubs have cut out signing-on fees, others have reduced them.

West Adelaide has wielded the sharpest razor.

Coach Alan Vest has only \$100,000 on which to run his team — a reduction of almost half. The decision not to pay signing-on fees was the reason that star forward Graham Honeyman asked for a transfer, but Vest hopes that Honeyman will change his mind.

APIA, whose total budget of \$300,000 is unchanged, has offered incentive bonuses to replace signing-on fees, which the club sees as a needless drain on funds pre-season.

Heideberg has cut out most signing on fees, and reduced others.

Marconi coach Doug Collins returned from overseas to find that the \$60,000 which had been available for transfers had been withdrawn by the committee to meet social club commitments.

Collins has transferred-listed Bertie Mariani, Nikola Duvnjak and Attila Carboni, and hopes to get enough by selling them, to buy others.

St. George has decided to spend no more than a pit-

tance on new players and its overall budget has been reduced from about \$460,000 to \$300,000.

Adelaide City is spending practically nothing and Sydney City has also cut its budget drastically, while economy measures have been taken also in Brisbane, Wollongong, Canberra and Newcastle.

The glaring exception are Sydney Olympic and South Melbourne Hellas.

Olympic's player payments went up marginally, its budget is about \$350,000 and it started the year by splashing out \$40,000 on Marshall Soper from APIA and Jim Patikas from Sydney City.

And Hellas spent about \$44,000 on Bobby Russell

(Adelaide City), Ken Murphy (Melbourne Croatia) and Oscar Crino (Tung Sing, Hong Kong).

Hellas coach Rale Basic is however, phasing out signing-on fees and replacing them with bigger win bonuses.

Brisbane Lions scrapped signing fees totally and reduced wages by 25 per cent but Brisbane City's expenditure remains unchanged.

Lions spokesman John Markus said: "We and many other clubs went haywire in the early years of the league, spending fortunes on players' wages and transfer fees. Crowds have not been satisfactory, no matter what anyone says, so we are forced to cut back, otherwise we'll find ourselves in serious trouble."

NSL HEADING FOR SPLIT

Davo, Soper running hot



• Sam Papasavas

The format of the National League almost certainly will be changed next year, says league chairman Sam Papasavas.

Mr. Papasavas, former president of South Melbourne Hellas, was granted the Medal of the Order of Australia in the Australia Day honors list last week.

He conceded today that the league may be regionalised in 1984.

"I am convinced that the present format is unmanageable in the light of the league's problems," he said.

"The format has to be reassessed because of the constant rise in air fares and the uneven geographical representation."

Many sectors of soccer, including this newspaper, have been pressing for a regionalised national competition to reduce the astronomical travelling costs, which are out of proportion to gate receipts.

Mr. Papasavas, asked to outline his aims for 1983, added,

"We must divide the administration of soccer between the amateur and professional sides of the game. Professional soccer should be separate, yet still under the auspices of the ASF. It have been saying for some time that there would be three VSF vice presidents, each with a different responsibility — one for professional soccer, one for amateur and one for juniors, for example.

"Also, players from the top league who are nearing the end of their careers, should be able to go down to the amateur level easily, meaning transfer fees for them would have to be reduced.

"And there should be similar restriction on fees for players stepping up from amateur to professional soccer. Restrictions on the promotion of young players is contrary to the progress of the game."

• Alan Davidson (top) and Marshall Soper have thrilled big crowds in the past week. Read about their exploits on pages 8 and 12.

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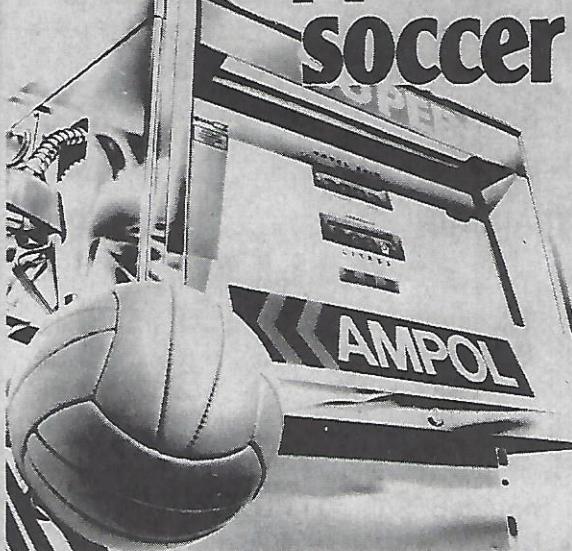
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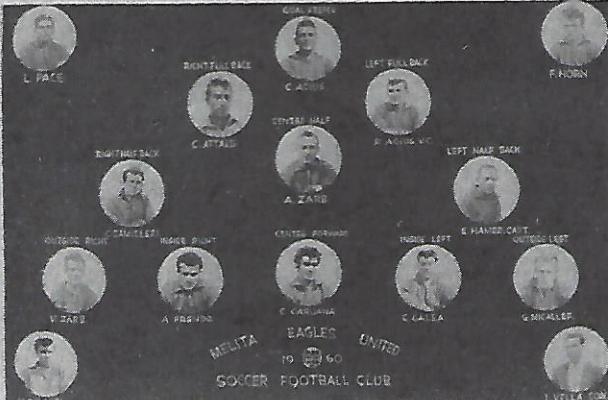
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MELBOURNE HELLAS

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A tribute to Melita Eagles



Fans of Melita Eagles cannot afford to miss next week's issue of "Soccer Action".

Melita past and present will be featured in a souvenir lift-out of this great NSW club.

Remember the stars pictured above?

They make up part of Melita's rich and proud history, and they helped set the tradition carried on by the men who make up the present team.

Don't miss the pictures, and the story of this mighty club in next week's "Soccer Action".

RUDI IN NEPAL

The former, unlamented Socceroo coach Rudi Gutendorf has consolidated his status as one of the world's most travelled football personalities by accepting the post of national team coach in Nepal.

Even by Asian standards, the remote Himalayan kingdom is a soccer backwater. Should Gutendorf achieve any degree of success in Kathmandu and Sherpas, he can justifiably claim to be a great coach after all.

— PAUL MOON

Monaro trio links at APIA



Walter Valeri

Tony Morsello

Seb Giampaolo

Last year for Murray



George Murray

Holidaying on his old Scandinavian stamping ground, Canberra City coach George Murray had some pertinent comments to make when interviewed for Norway's leading football magazine *Tippetbladet TIPS*.

Murray became a popular figure in Arctic soccer circles during a two year coaching stint with the quaintly named Norwegian Second Division club Odd Skein.

Contracted to Canberra City for one more year, Murray stated that, at this stage, he intended 1983 to be his last season in Australia, though admitting he was uncertain where his long term future lay.

The main interest of *Tippetbladet TIPS* however was Australia's failure to reach the last World Cup Finals and the Scot had no doubt who was to blame last year.

"Rod Gattrell picked all the wrong players," the wise-after-the-event coach declared. "He then persevered with them even after they proved themselves not to be up to standard."

But Les Scheinflug was given the thumbs up by Murray, who informed the Norwegians. "He's done tremendously well and I am sure Australia already is well on the road to becoming the outstanding force in Asia — Oceania."

Murray certainly did a superb PR job for the Socceroos' boss in the land of the Vikings.

— PACK MOON

NSL, VSF IN TRANSFER TUSSLE

Victoria's national league clubs, Helles, J.U.S.T., Makedone and Heidelberg, have been complaining for some time about restrictions on the number of senior players they are permitted to use in their secondary teams which play in VSF leagues.

At the moment, only three national league players of each club can be used in VSF leagues without being registered with the VSF. And when a player is promoted by a club from its VSF team to its national league side, have to be officially transferred and registered.

This transfer and registration red tape could be avoided by the national league itself if it allowed three "floaters" the way the VSF does.

And so the VSF shouldn't shoulder all the blame for this bureaucratic bind.

There were threats that the national league clubs would boycott the Ampol Cup if the rules were not changed, but they were not carried out.

— LAURIE SCHWAB

When APIA plays in Canberra, it will be assured of strong local support, for APIA now features a forward line of Walter Valeri, Sebastian Giampaolo and John Morsello.

All three played for Canberra-based club Inter Monaro. Valeri and Giampaolo played also for Canberra City.

The ACT trio was completed when Valeri transferred to APIA for \$6000 to join his old mates.

Morsello actually is an APIA product, and it was only on loan that he played for Inter.

Valeri, with 28 goals, was top scorer in the NSW State League in 1979, the season before he and Giampaolo transferred to Canberra City from Inter Monaro for a total price of \$12,000.

They scored seven goals each for Canberra in 1980, but more had been expected from them. The following year, 1981, Valeri was Canberra's top scorer with nine goals, but Giampaolo switched to APIA where he scored four goals in 1981 and 12 in 1982.

Valeri lost his place in the Canberra team during 1982, and finished the year with only one goal.

Meanwhile, APIA has released Col McAusland free to his former club Melita Eagles, and Alan Hughes has returned to Brisbane, where he played for Lions.

Jim Bottalico, son of coach Fil Bottalico, rejoins APIA from Melita, where he played last season. Previously he was with North Sydney Inter.

Peter Wilson, player-coach last year, had an Achilles tendon operation during the holidays and is not yet fit to play.

Mark Pullen has been appointed captain and Giampaolo is Vice captain.

They and coach Bottalico will guide promising young players Rob de Ceglia, Mark Brown, Eddie Zaccarini and Frank Casacchia who all are making strong bids for permanent team places.

Long serving midfielder Terry Butler however has decided to quit APIA and is available for transfer.

— LAURIE SCHWAB



Bill Vojtek (right) in action for Victoria against Velez Mostar.

St Albans signs Vojtek

Billy Vojtek has started a new chapter in his long and distinguished career by joining Victorian Second Division club St. Albans.

He takes over from previous coach Joe Biewer who now is team manager.

Vojtek, 33, has been player-coach of Western Suburbs for the past two years. Before that he was player-coach of Ajax, which won its first Ampol Cup under him.

He established a reputation as a brilliant, tricky striker during many years with Melbourne Croatia and he was runner-up in the NSW Rothmans Medal count during one season with South Sydney Croatia.

Rule change for 'keepers

FIFA recently clarified the rule covering how long a goalkeeper can hold the ball.

The following now applied: Once he has the ball under control (with his hands), the goalkeeper can take up to four steps in the time allotted to him thus:

- holding the ball with his hands,
- letting the ball bounce on the ground, or
- throwing the ball in the air and catching it again.

After having taken four steps, he must release the ball into play. However, if after having the ball under control (with his hands), the goalkeeper decides to put it on the ground, he loses the rights listed above, thereby revealing his intention to play with his feet. From then on, he can no longer touch the ball or pick it up with his hands, even if he has taken less than 4 steps before another player has touched the ball. He must, therefore, release the ball or continue to play it with his feet; in the latter case, he is entitled to take more than 4 steps because he has the same rights as the other players.

But FA secretary Ted Croker said at the same time that clubs would have first call on players.

Manchester United, Liverpool and Ipswich, have said that their players would not go and the FA will not force them to release them.

Most clubs are planning money-making tours of Europe, the Middle East or the United States, and those that think they believe the tours will be financial failures.

Liverpool and Manchester United players who would have been considered for the tour included Phil Neal, Phil Thompson, Alan Kennedy, Craig Johnston, Sammy Lee, David Hodgson, Gary Bailey, Ray Wilkins, Remi Moses, Steve Coppell and current England captain Bryan Robson.

Croker said England hoped to have top class players available, and some might be available before or after their club commitments.

England did not expect any crowd trouble he said, noting the Australian courts' treatment of a youth convicted of offences during the 1981 World Cup.

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Sam still NSL boss

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Herbert a sensation

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Olympic's New Zealand international Ricky Herbert will be a sensation in the national league.

I have seen him play with the Kiwi national team and he ranks with the very best. He's young, fearless, excellent in the air — he scored the winning goal against Victoria at Olympic Park two years ago — and extremely fast for such a big man.

Yet Olympic got him for nothing! Clive Herbert, Ricky's father, is the president of Mt Wellington and through his influence, Ricky was able to transfer free of charge.

Despite the acquisition of Herbert, who plays as stopper, coach Tommy Docherty has decided to take the previous stopper, Ian Rowden, off his long transfer list — apparently as Herbert's understudy.

Docherty, incidentally, is being assisted by Tony Anastasi who supervises the gym work, and Kaz Kulak who runs the Olympic youth team.

Jim Petrellis, the club's new president, expects three young players to make an impact this year. They are: Tony Dakos (stopper), Terry Patlis (winger) and George Akoutas (full back).

Bojczuk, Blair join but eight leave

West Adelaide coach Alan Vest faces an uphill struggle with a shoestring budget but he remains optimistic. He operated with little money at Newcastle, so he's used to it.

So far, Vest has lost Adrian Santram, who returns to Beograd after a 12-month loan to Partizan; and Ivica Cacic to Croatia for about \$6000.

Jimmy Wright on a free transfer to Adelaide City, Ian McKie to Heidelberg for \$2000, Alan Booth and Steve Summer, who have returned to New Zealand, Manecas who's still on the transfer list and possibly Graham Honeyman in England before joining Townsville United.

To replace them, Vest has signed Bill Amey, formerly of Newcastle and Blacktown, for only \$500, and Wally Bojczuk, Stewart Blair and Phil Cole from Azzurri for about \$4000 each.

Bojczuk, who played for Mooroolbark in the national league in 1977, was transferred to the South Australian State League last season. Blair, a midfielder, played for Hakoah (Vic) before joining Azzurri and Cole is a full back.

Vest also hopes to sign Paul Wermley, the 1982 top scorer of the Queensland State League. He's with Barnsley in England before joining Townsville United.

John Panagis, a left flanker, John Papazoglou (midfield-full back) and Brenton Hiern (centre back) are the most promising of West Adelaide's youth players.

New defenders for Newcastle

Bob Mountford's back, and Newcastle KB United has imported two new centre backs, Gary Watson and Peter Burke, to replace Roy Drinkwater and John Sneddon.

Drinkwater has returned to England for business reasons and Sneddon has returned to his former club, West Wallsend, on a free transfer.

Watson, 23, has been recruited from English club Carlisle, to which Jim Hartigan has returned after only one season with Newcastle. Watson also has played for Oxford United.

Burke, 25, is from Halifax Town and previously played for Rochdale and Barnsley. At Halifax his team mates included Chris Dunleavy (now Wollongong). Bob

Mountford and Joe Carroll, the striker who's about to join Fleetwood J.U.S.T.

Mountford and Ian Buckley both are making comebacks with Newcastle after serious injuries.

Mountford was out for a year due to a broken leg but coach Ken Kaiser now describes him as "the fittest man in the league."

"He's worked very hard in the gym and then on his running and he's now got tremendous endurance," Kaiser said.

Mountford will partner youth international David Lowe in attack, with a four man midfield behind him. Kaiser expects Lowe to benefit greatly from Mountford's experience. The English striker scored 61 goals in a varied career with Hudders-

field, Port Vale, Scunthorpe, Crewe, Rochdale and Halifax.

Kaiser has transfer-listed former New Zealand international forward Alf Stimpson and is about to sign former Australian youth international Michael Boogard, 22, a centre back from Lake Macquarie.

Bernard Kirby and Nigel Drysdale, products of Newcastle's youth system, are expected to become regulars this season and Brett Gemmill, back after a groin injury, also will push hard for a place in the team.

Kaiser's side is expected to be: Phil Dando, Neil Endacott or Ralph Maier, Peter Burke, Gary Watson, Howard Tredinnick — Nigel Drysdale, Craig Mason, Joe Senakski, Ian Buckley and David Jones — Bob Mountford, David Lowe.

Xanthopoulos may lose out to Crino

Oscar Crino won the praise of all Australian soccer followers when he starred as sweeper in the national youth team that came third in the 1981 World Youth Championships.

Then tied to Melbourne club Juventus, he was unable to get a transfer locally at an acceptable price, so he went to Hong Kong to play for Tung Sing.

Now he's set to take over as sweeper at south Melbourne Hellas, although Arthur Xanthopoulos has given the club faithful and conscientious service for probably 10 years.

Crino's clearance from Tung Sing was expected to come through as we went to press.

With Crino joining Hellas along with Ken Murphy from Croatia and Bobby Russell from Adelaide City, a number of players obviously will have to go.

The first of them is full back or midfielder Gerry Bennett, recruited from Ajax last year. He is looking for a club and can be contacted on 51 8152.

Other players probably will be transfer-listed after the Ampo Cup, during which coach Rale Rasic will settle on his strongest line-up.

Charlie Egan still is adamant that he wants a transfer because he feels he has not been offered suitable terms. He was on a one-year contract with a one-year option, which Hellas has exercised.

Egan has said he is free to negotiate with other clubs but that his transfer fee is likely to be about \$30,000.

So far, however, Egan has not managed to have his availability and the transfer fee put into writing.

Canberra City coach George Murray has negotiated with Egan and is keen to sign him — but not for \$30,000. Melbourne coach Peter O'Farrell also has shown interest in Egan, who scored 20 goals in his first season with Hellas last year.

Rasic wants to sign Eddie Krcevic, now with Dinamo Zagreb in Yugoslavia, but that will be far from easy, for he too is valued at \$30,000, which was his transfer fee when he left Hellas.

Alan Evans may struggle to hold his place in attack, judging from practice matches. In one game, against J.U.S.T., Rasic took Evans off, switched Steve Woodin from the left into the middle of the attack, and brought on Branko Buljevic as the left winger.

They're the men who transferred

The following are the internal National League transfers that had been finalised or were about to be finalised when we went to Press:

\$20,000



Ken MURPHY
midfielder, From Melbourne Croatia to SM-Helias. Ex-Dundee (Scot), Vic. State rep.



Jim PATIKAS
midfielder, From Sydney C to SM-Helias. Ex-Sydney Olympic. 10 NSL goals, one international.

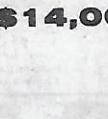


Marshall SOPER
striker, From APIA to Syd. Olympic. 21 NSL goals.

\$16,000



Arno BERTOGNA
defender, From Wongong to APIA. Ex-Newc. KB Utd. and Azzurri (WA). 3 PSL goals, 3 internationals.



Bobby RUSSELL
defender, From Adel. C to SM-Helias. Ex-Sydney Croatia.

\$10,000



Oscar CRINO
midfielder or sweeper, From Tung Sing (Hong Kong) to SM-Hellas. Ex-Juventus (Vic). 2 caps



John SPANGS
midfielder or defender, From Sydney C to Heidelberg. 8 NSL goals, one cap.

\$9000



Billy WILLIAMSON
forward, From Bris. Lions to Bris. City. Ex-Aberdeen. 17 NSL goals



Rod BROWN
striker, From Auburn to Marconi Youth International.

\$6000



Peter TREDINNICK
midfielder or forward, From Wollongong to APIA. Ex-Newc. KB. 9 NSL goals. Former youth international



Walter VALERI
striker, From Canberra C to APIA. Ex-Inter Monaro. 17 NSL goals



Barry KELSO
striker, From Bris. City to Bris. City. 27 NSL goals

\$5000



Wally BOJCUK
striker, From Azzurri (SA) to West Adel. Ex-Mooroolbark. 3 NSL goals



Stewart BLAIR
midfielder, From Azzurri (SA) to West Adel. Ex-Hakoah (Meli)

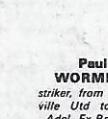


Phil COLE
defender, From Zuri (SA) to V. Adel.

\$3500



Gus MACLEOD
striker, From GG-Ajax to West Adel. 34 State League goals



Paul WORMLEY
striker, From Townsville Utd. to West Adel. Ex-Barnsley



Ian MCKIE
full back, From Adel. to Heidelberg. Former youth rep.

\$1500



Joe MULLEN
striker, From Para Hills to Adel. City Youth International



Phil KANNEGIESER
goalkeeper, From Rapid (Tas) to Heidelberg.

\$700



Michael BOOGARD
defender. From Lake Macquarie to Newcastle K.B. Former youth international

\$500



Bill AMEY
Midfielder. From Blacktown. Ex-Newcastle

Free!

Chris HUMMELL
goalkeeper. From AIS to Canberra City. Youth international



Ricky HERBERT
defender. From Mt Wellington to Syd. Olympic NZ International

Jimmy WRIGHT
winger. From West Adel to Adel City

John MUSKOVITS
forward. From Riverwood to St. George

Les FEHER
winger. From Hungary to St. George, via FIFA clearance

Lenny VIAL
full back. From Melita Eagles to Marconi

George CAIRD
full back or mid-fielder. From Dunedin City to Brisb. City

Kenny SWAN
midfielder. From Grange Thistle to Brisb. City

Gary BROMFIELD
winger or mid-fielder. From Across the Waves to Brisb. C.



Graham TUTILL
full back or mid-fielder. From Frankston to Footscray JUST

Mike PETERSEN
midfielder. From Port Melbourne to Heidelberg

Alan MARZALEK
defender. From Ipswich (Q) to Brisb. Lions

New Brisbane Lions coach, Dutchman Simon Kistemaker, will use wingers as the vehicle for his "spectacular, attractive football."

Kistemaker, a professional player for 17 years in his homeland, doesn't want Lions to play the wading game, than suddenly hitting opponents on the break.

"That's not my style. I want to play inside attacking half of the field," he said.

"I hope that we can play the type of soccer I want. I'm working hard with the players and I'm trying to convince them of the merit of what we are going to do. Once I have them on my side we can work on producing the sort of exciting, attacking football which is essential in this country in order to attract media attention."

commendable stuff! Even though the recording is wearing thin, let's hope that Kistemaker's Lions turn it on this season. If so, a clash between Lions and Sydney Olympic would be a thrill-a-minute affair.

Kistemaker has definite views on importing players. He arrived here last Boxing Day and by early January was so impressed by midfielder Jim Maclean that he placed him on the transfer list. Maclean joined Moreville Falcons late last month.

"Not only must overseas players be of a far superior standard than local players, they also

New role for TV producer

Sue Whitechurch, who was associate producer of "Pro Soccer '82" on Channel 0/28 last year, is now secretary of Marconi.

"Pro Soccer", which was produced by Enterprise Color-video, will not be shown this year. Instead, Channel 0/28 will turn its "International Sports Magazine" on Friday night into predominantly a soccer programme.

Sue Whitechurch is pictured at rear, second from right, with the "Pro Soccer '82" crew, from left: Pet Mackie, Wayne Heslop, Craig Chapman, (Sue Whitechurch), Dominic Galati, front: Adrian Alston (guest), Mike Hill, Mark Leonard, Wendy Sainsbury, Ian Engleton, Jim Walpole (front).

Marconi gets Sermanni, Robertson

Stuart Robertson, the little midfielder who wowed Newcastle KB United crowds last year, will play for Marconi in 1983.

Robertson went home after playing for Newcastle, and has been with Doncaster Rovers. It is from there that Marconi coach Doug Collins has signed him.

Collins also has recruited mid-fielder Tommy Sermanni from English club Torquay United, and young left back Lenny Vial from Melita Eagles. Sermanni previously played for Albion Rovers and Blackpool.

Mark Jankovic has signed a new contract although he announced late in 1982 that he would seek a transfer.

Ivo Prskalo, the long-serving Marconi sweeper and former Australian Player of the Year, is on the transfer list, and Italian star Roberto Vieri has retired.

Odzakov to star

Zarko Odzakov promises to be one of the most exciting new players of 1983.

Odzakov, who toured Australia with Vardar Skopje of Yugoslavia in 1979, was due to join Preston Makedonia as we went to press.

His Makedonia team mate George Todorovski, who also comes from Vardar, rates him as a brilliant attacking mid-fielder.

Odzakov will be joined within about two weeks by Alex Livingstone, 19, from Scottish club Albion Rovers. He was recommended by Makedonia mid-fielder Gordon Flavell who watched Livingstone play while Flavell was holidaying in Scotland off-season.

Scott Patterson, who played for Victoria against Watford last year, has been trialling with Makedonia but his transfer was not finalised when we went to Press. It was likely however, that he would join in exchange for Richard Miranda.

Richard Wilson, the New Zealand international goalkeeper, has returned to the club after a long absence, and he looks set to continue his fierce rivalry with the club's other goalkeeper, Steve Potter.

Alan Whittle, transfer-listed at \$10,000 after failing to agree on terms, finally has signed a new contract and is back in action, fitter than ever.

Top Dutch coach to lift Lions

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

must be more professional in their attitude. The young players here must mix with imports who can help develop a professional approach in these youngsters," said Kistemaker.

Kistemaker played for Telstar as a stopper or mid-fielder and later with Blauwvit which amalgamated with DWS to form FC Amsterdam.

A bad injury ended his playing days and he decided to complete his physical education qualifications in Alkmaar.

Kistemaker already had gained his full senior coaching badge through the Dutch football association as a 28-year-old. His first coaching stint was with semi-professional club Hillsgom. Three years later he went to

the oldest club in Holland, Royal Haarlem FC, for two years.

His first professional club as a coach was Ado which amalgamated with another club for football FC Den Haag. Semi-professional outfit Zaandam was Kistemaker's next assignment before being appointed as assistant coach of Telstar. Just as Kistemaker was enhancing his coaching reputation, tragedy struck his personal life. His wife developed cancer and eventually died. Kistemaker was out of the game for a year.

"I had offers from Anderlecht and the Indonesian federation round about the time my wife wasn't well and of course I couldn't accept them. When I started to take up coaching again I found that it is hard to be out of football for a year in Holland and try to come back."

Through current ASF secretary, Brian

Emery, Kistemaker got in touch with Brisbane Lions last April and sent over copies of his lengthy lists of credits.

Norwegian club Rosenberg also showed interest in Kistemaker but the Dutchman finally decided to join Lions.

"It's not a big-head or a loud-mouth but I'm confident in my own ability. I wanted to work at a high level and if it couldn't be in Holland then it had to be elsewhere. I just had to get back into the game. So far I have held plenty of training sessions and watched videos of Lions' games last season.

"We're not a top team yet but the possibilities are enormous. Niven has signed up again so, along with Bennett and McSkimming we will have a very strong defence once we have a top-class sweeper. I have a goalkeeper called Craig Marshall and you'd better watch out for him! And in Steven Hogg and John Ogden I have two good young midfielders.

"I do a lot of individual training that the players aren't used to but it's important that they work hard to bring themselves to the highest possible level."

Kistemaker is softly spoken and courteous. His hard-hitting comments however shatter any stereotype of him as a reticent, wary newcomer to the Australian soccer scene. He knows what he wants. He has to win the respect of the Lions players, then work to exploit their flair and creativity. Let's wish him well.

Boudewijn Norway's best

Boudewijn de Greer is the star recruit of Brisbane Lions' new coach Simon Kistemaker.

A left winger, de Geer, 27, played top soccer in Holland for Den Haag and De Graafschap. In the late seventies he was voted Norwegian Player of the Year while with Lillestrom, and he also had a year and a half with Hercules Alicante in Spain.

He is the best Dutch player to come to Australia since the heyday of Ringwood Wilhelmina in the early sixties.

Barry Kelso is likely also to join the Lions

forward line, to make up for the loss of Billy Williamson.

Kelso was transfer-listed by Brisbane City, the club Williamson has joined.

Lions was to pay about \$6000 for Kelso, as we went to Press.

Alan Marzalek, who has been on trial from Ipswich United, is expected to be Lions' third recruit. A stopper, Marzalek will join in exchange for one of the Lions players not included in the senior squad.

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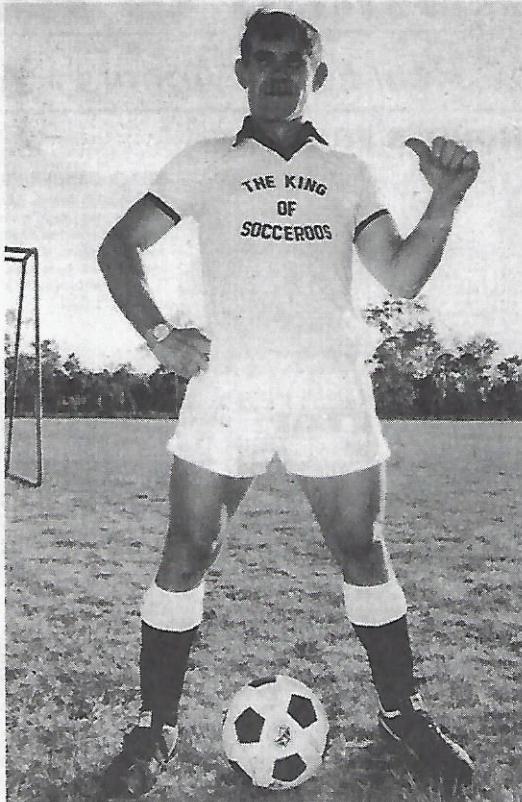
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NEW MIDFIELD FOR BERGERS

Heidelberg may have a completely new midfield.

Bob Vincent, who has a sensational reputation, has been recruited from Sunderland, Mike Angus is on his way from Middlesbrough and Juan Toro Castillo has been thrilling supporters with his magical touches pre-season.

In addition, Heidelberg has Soccer John Spanos, bought from Sydney City for just over \$10,000.

Add to them the established midfielders, Theo Selenidis, Ken Taylor, Mike Valentine

and Jim Campbell as well as Mike Peterman who transferred from Port Melbourne, and Heidelberg probably has the largest midfield contingent in the league!

Like Hellas, Heidelberg will be forced to transfer-list some of them.

Angus plays in defence when he's not scoring goals from midfield. He played about 23 senior games with Middlesbrough but lately has been on loan to Scunthorpe. He is joining Heidelberg on a free transfer.

Campbell has moved from the midfield to attack, where he replaces Jamie Paton alongside Gary Cole.

Toro, a former Chilean international, arrived last year but was used only when

more consistent. He has to produce week in, week out.

With Milovanovic gone, the central back pairing will be Jim Murray and Terry Byrne, with Paul Ontong, back again after a season of injuries, at right back.

Milovanovic's employment has taken him to Mackay in Queensland.

Colle, a star with Canberra in 1981, played for New Zealand in the World Cup last year and spent the rest of the season with Hanimek North Shore.

He will take the midfield position filled last year by Steve Bryant who retires to a full back role as Ambrosio's replacement.

Chris Hummell, 17, the goalkeeper of the national youth team, also has signed for Canberra City. He played for the Institute of Sport team last season.

Coach George Murray says he's still looking for a striker to replace Purdie who wants a transfer. Murray has been negotiating for Charlie Egan of Hellas.

Tony Brennan however, has signed a new contract after earlier being on the transfer list.

"I wanted to stay with us, and we're delighted to keep him," Murray said. "I've made it clear what is expected of him however. He has to be

"Today they wouldn't spend that sort of money, but they still want to be entertained."

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During the super challenge series, he was trying out John Muskovits, 21, a forward, and Les Feiner, 21, a left flanker.

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Arok also has promoted utility player

the team was decimated by injuries very late in the season.

But in training matches — particularly in a 2-1 victory over Fawkner — Toro used his skill brilliantly to set up scoring chances with incisive passes.

The Heidelberg defence remains unchanged, now that John Yzundcha has decided to stay with the club. He negotiated with Sydney City for a while, but City decided it did not want him.

Another recruit at Heidelberg is full back Ian McKie from West Adelaide, a former youth international.

New coach Ken Morton has picked to go back to the square and backward approach of 1982 and says he will encourage a much more aggressive and flamboyant style.

OPTIMISTIC AROK!

St. George coach Frank Arok is one man who isn't worried by the economic climate.

"Soccer is the cheapest entertainment around," he said.

"Where else can you get so much for only four dollars? It's during better times that soccer loses support, for when people have a lot of money, they've also got a lot of options. They can go boating, or they can go away for the weekend, for example."

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Andrew Kocza, 17, from the club's youth team. He was the team's best and fairest player last season.

Lajos Koritar, former captain of MTK Budapest, has returned to Hungary and 10 other players are on the transfer list.

They are: Ted MacDougall, \$10,000; Billy Griffiths \$10,000; Dennis Duarte \$8000; John Davies \$7000; David Rylands \$7500; Peter Terry \$2000; John Russell \$2000; Don Smith \$2500; Andrew Enderew \$1000; Bill Beves \$1000.

Eleven of the under 18 players who won the State championship by beating APIA 7-1 last year have been given provisional contracts and will play in the youth league this season. They are Geoff Biscaya, Tony Danaskos, Paul Darlington, Alfonso Follaposa, Eddie Gonano, Peter Petkovski, Chris Polias, Peter Reicoy, John Spivroski, Steve Zantidis and Steve Stingos.

Terry Greedy has replaced Mike Fraser as Arok's No. 1 goalkeeper, but the rest of the team is the same as in 1982: Greedy, Skeen, Ratcliffe, M. O'Shea, R. O'Shea, Barton, Stone, J. O'Shea, Slater, Wilkinson, Marton.

Former St. George star Adrian Alston, who scored 17 goals in 61 games for Australia, has rejoined Saints as a youth coach.

The playing career of Jim Hermiston is over.

The 1979 and 1980 Australian Player of the Year has hung up his boots to concentrate on coaching Brisbane City.

Steve Perry will replace Hermiston as sweeper. Perry has been playing at right back.

City also has lost Jimmy Dunne and John McVeigh who have returned to the UK, Joe Palinkas who is back in Melbourne and Barry Kelso who has been transfer-listed.

"Hermiston started training this season but I had to make the decision to let him go. I want only players who are willing to give me 100 per cent," Hermiston said.

Kelso will be replaced by Billy Williamson, who will switch from Lions for \$3000.

Alan Hughes, who is back from APIA, was trying to decide as we went to Press whether to join City or return to his old club, Lions.

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Hakoah board still split over soccer future



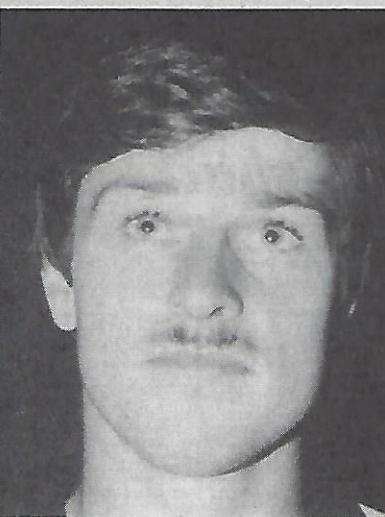
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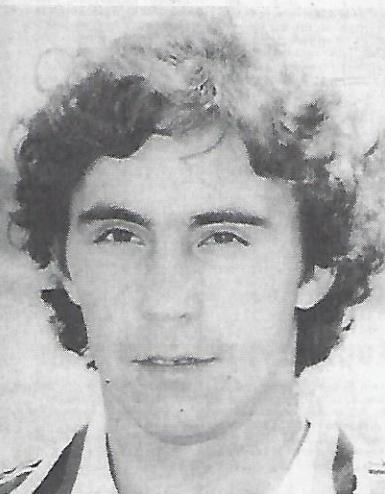
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Carlos Ortega (Polonia).

understandably, management committee members are most reluctant to discuss them.

But they did.

Lack of meaningful support beyond the commitment of \$200,000 of Hakoah members' money — from the majority of the club's board of directors;

• A major split in the board over the future, with former soccer president Andrew Lederer, as well as fellow directors Bifor Glass, Harry Fulop and Harold Lehmann believed to be the only voting members in support of the continuation of professional football on a long-term basis;

• The continued attempts

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by the board's majority to work towards the complete separation of professional soccer from the rest of the Hakoah Club's activities, in direct contradiction of the spirit and possibly even the letter of the club's articles of association;

• A muddle over the utilisation of transfer fees received for players such as Patikas and Spanos, hopefully to be solved within a few days, and major differences of opinion within the club membership, with an alliance between traditionalists and pragmatists,

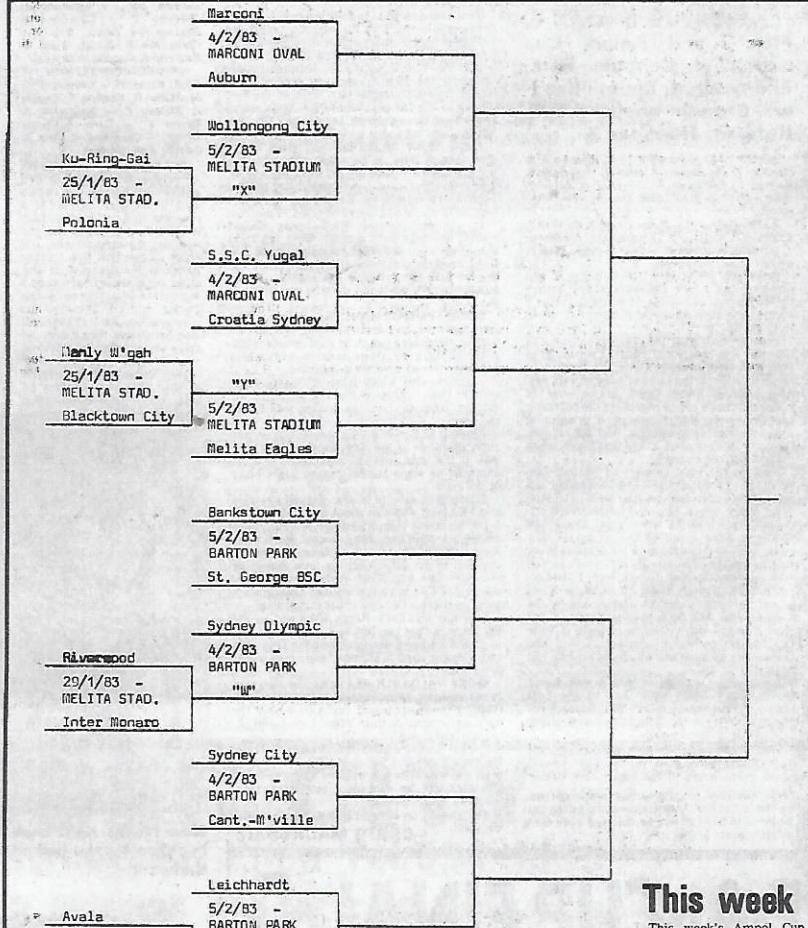
who seek renewed emphasis on the team's traditional identity of Hakoah, as a means of quickly recapturing the support of the growing Jewish community, as well as for reasons of emotional gratification, against those who seek to continue with a total Sydney City identity.

Opponents of the latter view point to the fact that the team's downward slide in terms of attracting paying audiences accelerated dangerously at every stage of pushing the Hakoah identity into the background.

They claim that when finally Hakoah was totally eliminated from soccer, the team reached the verge of total liquidation during the traumatic days of last November.

The outcome of this debate may well determine the long-term future of Australia's premier soccer outfit, and the battle may be joined at the annual meeting of Hakoah on March 24.

In the meantime, coach Eddie Thomson has his men in full training, bolstered by the unexpected unearthling of an as yet unnamed young Scottish goalkeeper, who has "amazed" observers at recent sessions.





Bobby Toal



Billy Rogers



Kevin Lloyd

Smallman and Hird shine in stalemate

JUVENTUS 0 AJAX 0.
First round Ampol Cup
match at Olympic Park,
Friday night, double header.
Crowd: about 6,000.
Referee: Hemmès 3.

JUVENTUS: Fantoma 7 - V. Bannon 7, P. Bannon 7, Donaldson 7, Hird 8 - Nelson 6, Rogers 7, Swinscoe 7 - French 6, Lloyd 7, Heery 6 (G. Bannon 55th). Coach: John Mervin.

AJAX: Denys 7 - Peter Lewis 7, Cannell 7, Kremers 6, Hobgen 7 - Vassallo 6, Smallman 7, Boyle 6, Williams 6 - Toal 7, Paul Lewis 6. Coach: Len McKendry.

WHY NO GOALS? A combination of bad finishing and a lack of understanding among the strikers of both sides, in particular Ajax's Paul Lewis and newcomer Bobby Toal, led to this result.

For the most part the defensive display of the sides was competent. Suan Cannell, in an unaccustomed sweeper's role, probably will relish a return to the tasks of stopper with new Ajax signing, Steve Short, taking over as sweeper. That's not to denigrate the performance of young Ron Kremers, a product of Ajax's young reserve outfit, who did his job. However, it does seem likely that Short, when fit, will partner Cannell.

Back to the Paul Lewis-Toal partnership. No doubt the two coaches, Len McKendry will work hard to develop this pair as the key strikers. A few times, Toal and Lewis made off-the-ball runs into the same area. Lewis still seems to have a preference to make runs away from a team mate in possession, probably looking for the through ball which served Ajax so well last year. I think Toal, signed recently from George Cross for \$4,500, will improve markedly under McKendry and by the season's end will be regarded as one of the most polished and intelligent strikers in State League. He comes off opponents well and turns sharply, qualities which McKendry will home.

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER: The two just mentioned stood out for their respective sides. Paddy Bannon organised Juventus well at the back while Ajax captain Peter Lewis was his team's best player.

MOST DISAPPOINTING PLAYER: Tony Heery of Juventus has got close ball skill to burn and should be one of Juve's best vehicles of attack but the wee man just couldn't get involved in this game.

The same can be said about Ajax's Willie Vassallo.

Toal almost nipped in between two Juventus defenders in the 40th minute and poked the ball past Alex Fantoma then 10 minutes later Lloyd miskicked from directly in front.

Ged Bannon, not fully fit, replaced Tony Heery in the 55th minute and shortly after took a free kick on the left. He sent the ball across to the far post where Kevin Swinscoe challenged strongly with Lou Denys. The ball fell to Lloyd who shot wide.

Lloyd finally tucked the ball away in the 65th minute only to be ruled offside and a minor handball. He lay on the floor from French side up another Juventus newcomer. But the blond headed midfielder miskicked from 10 metres.

In the last minute Paul Lewis almost scored. He shot hard and low from the right side of the area and when the ball seemed destined to elude Fantoma and flash just inside the far post the Juventus goalkeeper just reacted quickly to dive down and stop the ball with one hand.

GOOD PERFORMANCES: Referee Lou Hemmès certainly wasn't feeling here nevertheless something has to be said about his�� play. There were three occasions on which penalties should have been awarded.

I thought that Vince Bannon clearly made contact from behind on Paul Lewis in the 9th minute, tripping the Ajax striker well inside the area.

Peter Lewis took a long throw-in from the right touchline in the 60th minute. Smallman was at the near post and was about to jump and head on when Paddy Bannon pushed him in the back.

In the 69th minute Willie Vassallo clearly tripped Lloyd who was about to shoot.

On the credit side, Suan Cannell was impressive. He played in one of the central positions in Ajax's midfield quartet but clearly he was instructed to get into Juventus area whenever possible. This was most evident early in the match and I've got a feeling that Smallman is going to score a fair few goals this season.

Juventus left back Harry Hird was in the top three in that position in State League last year and he looks set to repeat the feat. The tall, elegant Hird is tremendously cool under pressure.

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HEIDELBERG 1 (Selimidis 15th) HELLAS 1 (Woodin 89th). First round Ampol Cup match at Olympic Park, Saturday night, double header. Crowd about 12,000. Referee Chris Bambridge 6.

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS: Laemets 5 - Russell 7, Xanthopoulos 5, Blaik 7, Davidson 10 - Holford 7, Miller 10 - Campbell 5 (Nicolaides 54th), Evans 5 (Woodin 6, 42nd), Egan 6, Buljevic 6, Coach: Rasic.

HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER: Oliver 5 - Spanos 6 - McMillan 9, Yankos 7, Angele 7, Tansley 7 - Selimidis 8, Taylor 6 - Toro 7 (Paton 52nd) - Campbell 6, Cole 5. Coach: Ken Morton.

REASON FOR THE DRAW: A referee's error allowed Hellas to stay in the match with a one-goal instead of a two-goal deficit, and although it took long enough, the gap was not insurmountable. The error in question was referee Bambridge's decision to disallow what should have been a legitimate goal, scored by Ken Taylor with a 25-metre lob over goalkeeper Jeff Oliver. It was disallowed for offside, yet there was no interference with play and the goalkeeper had no-one within yelling distance of him. Heidelberg had a 1-0 lead shortly afterwards when

Theo Selimidis scored, but it should have been 2-0 by then.

Heidelberg had little influence in the midfield during the second half, when Hellas gave it everything it had - blood, sweat, tears and lots of value for money which finally resulted in the equalising goal.

THE TACTICS: Heidelberg coach Ken Morton had spoken of an all-out attack and hitting Hellas with everything, so his strategy was not surprising.

With John Yankos down with a groin strain, John Spanos took the sweeper's position behind a four-man defence in which Charlie Yankos, marked Charlie Egan and Joe Angele picked up Alan Evans. Theo Selimidis and Ken Taylor did midfield duties, Juan Toro Castillo who tired as the game wore on, got in a few solid tackles but played basically as an attacking player whose task was to set up chances for Gary Cole and Jim Campbell, the

two strikers, in breakaways.

Hellas played 4-2-4 and its defence, with only two men to mark, had the freedom to link up with the forward men. Alan Davidson did so throughout the match, Bobby Russell and Steve Blair to a lesser degree.

But Hellas's all-out attack, especially in the second half, created severe congestion in the Heidelberg penalty area,

which was 10 yards from the goal.

To relieve the congestion, coach Rasic took off a forward, George Campbell, and brought on a defender, Davies Nicolaides, to enable Davidson to stay in midfield as part of a three-man force which Rasic hoped might break through from the "second line".

THE TURNING POINT: Definitely was that disallowed goal by Taylor. It gave Heidelberg confidence in its attacking possibilities at a time when Hellas was winning a larger share of the play.

THE GOALS: 15th minute: Selimidis rises to a corner taken by Toro on the right and heads Heidelberg into a 1-0 lead.

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Bennett, Train to Falcons, Vincent Yzendoorn in?

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Morwell Falcons, the only winner of the first Ampol Cup round, have to replace both full backs — Grant Smart and David Neill — for the match against Heidelberg on Friday night.

Smart is going to the UK for six weeks, and Neill has returned to Ireland because his religious convictions prohibit him from continuing to play on Sundays.

Jim Train from Doveton is likely to be signed this week as Morwell's new left back, and the club was expected also to make a bid for Gerry Bennett, the right back. He has bought last year's Ajax recruit Bennett on to the transfer list at \$5000 now that Hellas has bought Bobby Russell from Adelaide City.

Heidelberg was expecting midfielder Bob Vincent to arrive from England, where he played for Sunderland, so we might see him make his debut. John Yzendoorn also is likely to be back after missing last week's game through injury.

Yzendoorn's return would put John Spanos from the sweeper's position into midfield alongside Theo Semelidis and Vincent if he arrives in time, or Ken Taylor.

Falcons, whose attack of Bobby McGuinness, Richie McClune and especially Noel Mitten, was probably the most productive of the first round, will be hoping for a better performance by recruit Eric Young for whom nothing went right against Croatia.

J.U.S.T. recruit Gus MacLeod predicted last week his team would not only beat Makedonia but also win the Ampol Cup. Well, JUST managed only a draw with Made-



Jim Train

dona, but MacLeod stuck with the other prediction.

Certainly JUST showed a lot of determination and it's likely that coach Bobby McLachlan will use Frankston recruit Graham Tutill from the start against Juventus tonight (Wednesday) instead of only as a substitute.

JUST's midfield will have to play the ball forward much more quickly against Juventus, otherwise the solid Juventus defence will come out on top as it did against Ajax.

Billy Rogers has added bite to the Juventus midfield and Kevin Lloyd is all commitment. If he火s up front once he and Graham French are rejoined by Fabio Incantalupo, Juventus will be among the leading contenders

for the State League championship.

We may see Alex Marshall of Polonia making his debut for Croatia against Hellas in the later match on Friday.

Marshall, the biggest man in State League, can play midfield, striker or stopper, and it's likely that Croatia will use him up front, where he would have an epic battle with Steve Blair.

But despite the presence of Marshall and Tommy Cumming, Croatia cannot match Hellas in all-round ability, fitness and determination, so there can be only one outcome: a Hellas victory.

Makedonia is improving its fitness by the week and should be too strong for Ajax in the later game tonight (Wednesday).

Gabe Riet, an exciting 23-year-old Uruguayan striker, is about to become a star in Victorian soccer.

Ajax will not get value from Paul Lewis if it doesn't give him more through balls rather than asking him to turn with the ball. Using mainly his pace, Paul Lewis was the top State League goalscorer last season.

Makedonia will get ever-improving performances from striker George McMillan and Gary Ward. These two, plus Doug Brown, who was quite impressive against JUST, are likely to get the better of the Ajax defence, mighty as it may be.

All Ampol Cup dates

Dates and details of the Victorian Ampol Cup Competition:

Section A': Heidelberg United, South Melbourne Hellas, Melbourne Croatica, Morwell Falcons.

Section B': Preston Macedonia, Footscray J.U.S.T., Green Gully Ajax, Juventus.

Remaining games:

Wednesday February 2: 1st Game: Footscray JUST v B. Juventus, 2nd Game: Macedonia v Green Gully Ajax.

Friday February 4: 1st Game: Heidelberg United v Morwell Falcons, 2nd Game: Melbourne Croatica v South Melbourne Hellas.

Friday February 11: 1st Game: Macedonia v Juventus, 2nd Game: Footscray JUST v Green Gully Ajax.

Saturday February 12: 1st Game: South Melbourne Hellas v Morwell Falcons, 2nd Game: Heidelberg United v Melbourne Croatica.

Friday February 19: Semi Finals: 1st Game: Winner of Section 'B' v Runner Up Section 'A'; 2nd Game: Winner of Section 'A' v Runner Up Section 'B'.

Saturday February 26 — Finals: 1st Game: Junior Ampol Cup Final, 2nd Game: Senior Ampol Cup Final.

J.U.S.T. scoop?

Gabe Riet, an exciting 23-year-old Uruguayan striker, is about to become a star in Victorian soccer.

It is not yet known however, with which club he will sign.

He has tried out with Footscray JUST and Fawkner and Northcote also are possibilities.

Riet spent three years with Penarol in Uruguay and then scored 25 goals in two seasons with Colon.

From there he moved to Sweden where he scored 80 goals in three seasons with Second Division club Everso. He notched 25 last year.



J.U.S.T.'s new striker, Gus MacLeod (right) is beaten to the ball by Macedonia goalkeeper Richard Wilson. Pictures by LES SHOR ROCK.

'Ollie' outsabs Argentina

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. 0 PRE-STON MAKEDONIA 0. First round Ampol Cup match at Olympic Park Friday night, double header. Crowd: 6000. Referee: Venios 5.

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. 0 Boland 8 — Stojcevski 7, O'Reilly 7, Kondaros 7, Hazeborn 8 Jovanovic 6, Ilicski 7, Balic 7 — Simic 6 (Tutill 60th), Macleod 6, Ljubic 6. Coach: Bobby McLachlan.

PRESTON MAKEDONIA: Wilson 7 — Opaninas 8, Todorovski 7 (Little 50th), Olerton 65th, Jones 7, Petrovski 7 — Whittle 6, Favell 6, Lucchesi 6 (Farrell 50th) — Brown 7, McMillan 6, Ward 6. Coach: Peter Ollerton.

WHY NO GOALS? Neither side was capable of creating enough chances.

THE CHANCES: There were only two good scoring opportunities, the better one falling to Macedonia in the corner弧.

J.U.S.T. sweeper O'Reilly headed wide inside his own area but Macedonia striker Doug Brown was quick enough to retrieve the ball before it went out for a corner and sent it curling across to the far post. Gary Ward charged in but almost unbelievably headed wide from four metres.

Two minutes from the end an attempted clearance inside the Macedonia area ricocheted back to J.U.S.T. newcomer Gus macLeod but the former Ajax striker shot wide of the near post from just eight metres.

THE TACTICS: Macedonia coach Peter Olerton and new J.U.S.T. coach Bobby McLachlan have shown a liking for man-to-man mark-

ing and used that tactic here. Young Con Opaninas was given the job of marking Zdravko Ljubic, J.U.S.T.'s main avenue of attack. Ljube Petrovski was pitted against Paul Simic while David Jones tagged Macleod. For the most part Slobodan Stojcevski found himself squaring up to Ward. Literally. Ward tried to rough up the youngster in the second half but failed.

Ollerton used more subs than Argentina did in the Malvinas, three all told.

GOAL PERFORMANCE: From a team point of view both coaches can be satisfied with the result. Macedonia is far from being a fit outfit but that problem easily is remedied.

J.U.S.T.'s defence is competent. It lacks a bit of "dig" in midfield and firepower up front. It only was in the second half, when former Frankston City player Graham Tutill came on, that big Macleod was given a few balls in the air. Tutill impressed in the short time he played. He's a class act and one should make him a regular in the national league.

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER: From J.U.S.T.'s point of view this honor should fall upon left back Igor Hazeborn who not only defended well but got forward, especially in the second half, and was one of the driving forces behind J.U.S.T.'s late, vain onslaught.

Opaninas was Macedonia's most valuable player because he took Ljubic on the game.

MOST DISAPPOINTING PLAYER: George McMillan disappointed me. He's had far better games against Jim Kondaros. J.U.S.T. midfielder Slobodan Jovanovic is an immensely talented player yet he rarely got involved in this match.

— CRAIG MACKENZIE

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Can someone tell us how long the games last?

The Doves are adamant that Dowie and Stirton will see out this last year of their two year contracts. Certainly the loss of this classy pair would greatly diminish the quality and depth of Doveton's first team pool.

Promising young striker Warren Spink has accepted a scholarship to attend the institution of sport in Canberra where Liverpool forward Stan Webster is currently overseas.

Nevertheless, the Doves are too strong for depleted Northcote at Waratah Reserve on Sunday. The Northerners are going to have the best facilities in State League shortly but if they don't

dramatically improve their squad they'll soon have the best facilities in Metro League.

Albion and Wilhelmina clash on Sunday at Selsyn Park and both line-ups will be drastically revamped from last year. Albion could feature newcomers Peter Dickson (from Ajax), Frank Macleod, Chris Ogden, Dave Stuart (from Kew City Celtic), and Alex Wark (from Bell Park).

Albion is trying to sign Neil McGlinchey, a 20 year old striker from Scotland. McGlinchey has played with Motherwell and Dumbarton.

Albion could be too aggressive from Wilhelmina.

The Buffalo Cup teenyboppers, Box Hill, may just scrape home against Sunshine-George Cross at Wembley Park. The Hillmen will feature recent signing from Macedonia, Richard "Carmen" Mirovski.

Fawkner and Croydon may have to settle for share of the spoils from their Jukes Road encounter. Lee Gooney, Cesare Fattore and Co. should

shackle the Loughmane boys, Ian and Peter, while Steve McCombe and Ian Dobson look too accomplished for Fawknar's forwards.

Box Hill's Paul Priestley, (left) going past Northcote's George Miros.

Another Czapnik, another Petrov

CROYDON 2 (Wade 15th, I. Loughmane 50th) POLONIA 1 (Przybylewski penalty 68th) at Croydon Park, Sunday.

CROYDON: Kastner 7 — Rainey 7 (inj. Carter 50th), McCombe 7, Dobson 8, Hobson 2, Wade 15th — P. Loughmane 6, I. Loughmane 6, Lie 7, Coach: Bill McArthur.

POLONIA: Ostrowski 5 — Liparski 6, Mile 5, G. Czapnik 5, Smolarek 6 — P. Czapnik 5 (Siegelm 60th), Wallace 5, Petrov 6 (Tribabasi 55th) — Lekic 7, Innes 7, Przybylewski 5, Coach: Mike Lynn.

Fawkner coach Cedo Cirkovic, an interested observer at this match, was impressed with home

team Croydon and its ageless midfield dynamo Jim Rooney.

"Croydon will be one of the strongest teams in State League this year," said Cirkovic. "Don't be surprised if it wins the league title."

Polonia coach Mike Lynn hasn't had much good fortune in the short time he's been at the Polish sponsored club. Alex Marshall was going to play an important part in Lynn's plans. The big striker was appointed captain of the team when he transferred before his transfer to Croatia. Although Marshall agreed to terms with Croatia on Friday night, as we went to press, his transfer hadn't been finalised.

Stefan Mila, Andy Czapnik and Kevin Innes have added to Lynn's worries. Mila's job makes training difficult and Polonia is trying to get a more suitable job for its star sweeper. Czapnik is out injured with a bad back while Innes is going overseas in March.

Two youngsters made their senior debuts with Polonia on Sunday, and both are extremely promising players.

Yet another Czapnik, 20 year old defender Greg, played against Croydon and along with brothers Andy and Peter, could be a valuable acquisition to the first team pool.

George Petrov, a 17 year old midfielder signed recently from First Division Kew City Celtic, has a big future. Petrov, whose brother Chris plays with Fawkner, shows great coolness under pressure for such a young player.

Croydon opened the scoring in the first half. A good inter-

passing move down the right then switch to full back Gary Hobson on the left stretched Polonia. Hobson crossed, Paul Wade chested down then smacked the ball home from six metres out.

Croydon went further ahead 10 minutes into the second half. A Hobson free kick about 15 metres inside Croydon's attacking half found a Polonia player chesting the ball down then trying to push it back to goalkeeper Larry Ostrowski. Unfortunately, Lekic was dashed in and Polonia paid dearly for its defensive lapse.

Late in the game Steve McCombe handled inside his own area and Janusz Przybylewski converted the resultant penalty.

In addition he sold Spiro Kardamitis to Heidelberg and learned that his two Irishmen, Colin McCurdy and Dave Nixon would not be returning.

Nixon incidentally having resigned for Crusaders.

To plug the gaps, Northcote has plunged enthusiastically into the transfer market, snapping up Branko Culinica for \$6000, Colin Quigley of Slavia for \$2500, Steve Moore from Western Suburbs for \$2500 and John Creaney from Albion Rovers for \$2000.

Both Fawkner and Wilhelmina were far from being at full strength on Saturday. Fawkner missed the services of Milan Kojic, Bruno Sabidussi and Emilio Anselma, all out injured. Kojic and Anselma should be back in the squad for Sunday's clash with Croydon.

Wilhelmina played without Don Pasman, Ron Verniers, Billy de Graaf, John Luyten, Ken Barclay, Hank Stroes, Dave Gibson, Paul O'Riley and Joe Carroll.

Pasman and Verniers are on holidays, Barclay, Luyten and O'Riley could transfer, Gibson and Stroes are injured, de Graaf is tipped to sign for a club in Sydney while Carroll is overseas and rumored to be set to sign for J.U.S.T.

Wilhelmina fielded an inexperienced side. Brian Caddle, Steve Reid, Mick Crozier and Ray Gurney were promoted from last year's reserve team.

Goalkeeper Ricky Jansen, 17, recently signed from Croydon, pulled off some fine saves and looks very promising. Another new signing from Croydon, winger Guy Bakker, also made his debut for the Dutch sponsored club.

Wilhelmina coach Mike de Bruyckere was on holidays so his assistant, Colin Tieuw, took charge for Saturday's match.

Fawkner created more chances in a match from which most players emerged with credit for performing well in very trying, hot conditions.



Jim Milne (left), star recruit of Victorian Third Division club Mordialloc, is farewelled by Footscray J.U.S.T. president Zika Karic before a practice match against Hellas. At right is Zdravko Lujic, Milne's long-time team-mate at J.U.S.T.



Box Hill's Paul Priestley, (left) going past Northcote's George Miros.

BOX HILL 1
(Priestley 81st)
NORTHCOTE CITY 0
played at Box Hill, Sunday.

BOX HILL: Morgan 5, Ian Roodhouse 6, Lawlor 7, Senior 5, Alan Roodhouse 5 — Azzaopardi 5, Hughes 5, Gabrial 6 — McLeod 4 (Davidson 60th), Verschia 6, Priestley 6, Coach Billy Murray.

NORTHCOTE CITY: Glennopolous 6 — Miros 4, Kostalidis 5, Bozakis 7, Constantinos 4, Guiglio 4, Sahinidis 4, Moore 4, Constantinos 5, Wright 5, Culine 2, Coach Tony Vrzina.

This Buffalo Cup result was one that defied reason.

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All this experienced State League talent was on parade on Sunday, reinforced by classy George Bozikis and Wolves midfielder, Sammy Wright, two survivors from last year.

After a glance at the team-sheets, the game looked like a walkover for Northcote, with Box Hill fielding a team that would just about have held its own in the Metro Reserves last year.

The Hillmen's coach, modest Bill Murray, was almost apologetic as he related his team to me.

Four of them are still learning to shave at 18.

They are Alan Roodhouse, Dave Azzopardi, John Gabriel and Craig Davidson and for once they had to work hard on it. Middle Kirk Senior and Greg McLeod. Promising Scottish goalkeeper Colin McKinley was out injured. Scott Paterson, about to leave for Preston in a swap and cash deal involving Richard Miranica, also was injured and Pedro Ramos is still on his way back from Chile.

Add to that the fact that Ray Taylor and Don Brownlie have retired, and you'd appreciate that Murray would have problems facing a Metro First

Division side with Sunday's team, let alone a State League one.

But in the event it turned out to be a replay of that other one-sided affair, David v Goliath.

After a scrapping, easily forgotten clash, it seemed only a matter of time before Northcote's players would get their act together to swamp Box Hill and run out easy winners.

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At the turning point came when Murray took off Greg McLeod for Craig Davidson, who was immediately effective in nullifying the menace of Steve Moore, who was just getting into his stride.

Paul Priestley, who had defied the heat to put himself about so energetically that he was booked for a foul on the goalkeeper, had his revenge in the 81st minute when he latched onto a poor clearance from a defender to slam the ball past John Giannopoulos for the winner.

At the post-mortem, Murray was understandably jubilant, 'over the moon' in fact, whilst Vrzina was downcast, but whistling bravely in the dark.

Murray, though, realistic as ever, wasn't getting carried away.

"I'll be happier when McKinley, Ramos and McLeod are settled back in the side," he said, "but we badly need a striker and another midfield." (and a good centre-half and a couple of full-backs, Billy).

Vrzina said: "I'm very disappointed, but it's better to play badly now than later.

"We'll be all right by the time the League starts.

"Some of the players hadn't met before the game and had to be introduced, whilst Creaney, Quigley and Moore obviously knew each other.

"The fullbacks were terrible, and Peter Contantinou needs a big bustler like Gus McLeod up front to take the weight off him."

When I interrupted this jumbled to say: "Well at least George Bozikis was the best man on the ground," Vrzina said: "Yes, but he dribbles too much, he's playing Greek style, and the younger players are in danger of copying him".

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Soper sparkles as Olympic wins Cup

St George 2 Syd Olympic 2

Ground: St George Stadium.
Crowd: 6185.
Referee: Peter Rampsey 5.

Yellow cards: Ratcliffe.
Goals: Scott, Herbert (SO), Slatyer, Ratcliffe (SG).

ST GEORGE: Greedy, Skeen, M. O'Shea, R. O'Shea, Ratcliffe, Barton (86' Kozcka), Stone, Wilkinson, J. O'Shea, Marton.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier, Rogan, Dakos (56'), Rowden, Herbert, Scott, (Swins) 56', Raskopoulos, Phillips, Katholos, Soper, Koussas (Dounis 71'), Jennings.

Sydney Olympic snatched a dramatic equaliser in the dying seconds to take the Challenge Cup and \$2,500 prize-money.

Saints appeared to have the Cup in the bag, as the last seconds of the game were ticking away. Then suddenly, Olympic burst through looking for an equaliser. As the ball was played through to the Olympic forwards at least three of them appeared to be offside. Marshall Soper took the ball and set sail for the Saints' penalty area as Saints players besieged the referee with appeals. Terry Greedy appeared to pull Marshall Soper down and the referee awards Olympic the penalty which was converted by Ricky Herbert to make it 2-2.

St George's players were stunned at the decision and pleaded with the referee to consult the linesman, Roger Doenau. However, Mr Rampsey was adamant and the decision stood.

St George had a great start, scoring two goals in the opening 14 minutes. It was Der Marton's pass which enabled Robbie Slater to score on the right in the eighth minute. Slater turned left, then unleashed a powerful left footer which eluded Gary Meier to give Saints the lead.

David Ratcliffe outjumped Olympic's defence to score again following a corner kick from the right and all seemed lost for Olympic.

However, Olympic came back minutes later to score through Andy Scott, after a neat chip by Peter Katholos and the game was up for grabs once again.

It was an even affair in the second half, with St George always the more positive and more constructive side until that last-minute penalty and Olympic's moment of glory. Ironically, Marshall Soper, the man who was supposed to be suspended for this game made the difference with that short burst of speed to be brought down and away from scoring yet again, for the third successive game.

An official of the APIA club was enraged over Soper's inclusion in Olympic's side for the final and made his protest heard loud and clear. He objected to Saints allowing Soper to play after it was agreed that two yellow cards during the tournament would carry an automatic one match suspension!

**APIA 3
Wollongong 0**

Ground: St George Stadium.
Crowd: 6,185.

Referee: Tim Davies 8.

Yellow cards: Ainsworth, Goals: Bradley 2, Pullen.

APIA LEICHHARDT: Parks (Woodhouse), Carter, Brown, Cazzachia, Pullen, Tredinnick, Mouskotis (Ivan Egmond 82'), Bradley, Valeri (Gozdik 82'), McBrein (Zaccomer 82'), Giampaolo.

WOLLONGONG: Preston, Willis, Pollard, Pies, Ainsworth, Waldron, Kerr, Ainsworth, Flooding, Cotton, Gaffney, O'Connor.

Wollongong Wolves looked more like pussycats as APIA toyed with them to a convincing 3-0 win and finish in third place in the Challenge Cup.

Had Sebastian Giampaolo had his shooting boots on, Wolves would have gone home with their tails well and truly burnt. It was a game of missed chances by popular Baz.

If it's any consolation to this skilful player, then let's mention that Tony Morsello missed

St George, APIA, Olympic and Wollongong competed in a well-attended "Super Challenge Cup" series in Sydney and Wollongong. ALEX VESIC and PHILIP MICALLEF report

close to the end with a brilliant 18 metre drive which game Woodhouse no chance. However, this dream debut might have been just a bad dream had referee Remmle taken stern action against a vicious Soper tackle on Tony Morsello after only 11 minutes.

Olympic 4 Wollongong 1

Scorers: Scott (W) own goal 32nd, Herbert (O) 36th, Soper (P) 38th, Soper (O) 50th, Soper (O) 56th.

Venue: Ziems Park, Corrimond.

Crowd: 2000 approx. (double header)

OLYMPIC: Wilson 6 — Rogers 6 (Zivino 65th)

Rowden 6 (Scott (Dakos 65th))

Herbert 6 — Phillips 7, Katholos 7, Raskopoulos 7 — Soper 8, Koussas 6 (Dounis 41st), Jennings 1.

WOLLONGONG: Preston (Vardaroff) 1st 6 — Wilson 6, De Graaf 6, Pies 6, Pollard 6 — Bingham 6, Kerr 6, Ainsworth 6, (Brown 70th) — Cotton 6, Morland 6 (Hobart 55th), O'Connor 6 (Fryer 41st).

Referee: Rennie 5.

Marshall Soper destroyed Wollongong by scoring a hat-trick, laying on the first goal for New Zealand World Cup player Ricky Herbert and giving trialist Steve Pollard a rather uncomfortable afternoon.

After only ten minutes of the first half the home side was three goals up with the first goal being scored after only 20 seconds.

The crowd hardly had time to settle down as Robert O'Shea sprang into action to pick up a pass on the left flank. A few short steps followed then a left foot curler into the penalty area for Robbie Slater to head home Saints' first goal. With the ball past the keeper, Slater was in the thick of things again as he found room on the left flank then crossed low for John O'Shea to make it 3-0.

But with Phil O'Connor, Cotton and Fontana looking for openings, the game suddenly took a turn with the visitors scoring two quick goals through Glen Fontana.

Then Der Marton scored from a penalty and with 18 minutes remaining, tempers flared in midfield and Alan Waldron and Paul Wilkinson got their marching orders from Tony Boskovic.

Two minutes later Saints put the issue beyond doubt with the best goal of the night.

It was a Marton special. He came in from an acute angle on the right flank, beating three players on his way to get into shooting position before hitting a low left foot drive past Valeri and Mouskotis.

With 10 minutes remaining, Slater scored his second goal after some good work by Peter Stone and John Mouskotis.

**Syd. Olympic 2
APIA 0**

Goals: Soper 2.
Ground: St George Stadium.
Crowd: 5827.

Referee: Doug Rennie.

Yellow cards: Soper, Koussas, Pullen, Cazzachia.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier, Rogan, Dakos (56'), Rowden, Herbert, Scott, Zivino (Rowden), Scott, Raskopoulos, Phillips, Koussas, Soper, Jennings.

APIA LEICHHARDT: Parks (Woodhouse), Carter, Brown, Botalico (Cazzachia), Pullen, De Ceglio (Tredinnick), Morando (Gozdik), McBrein, Bradley, Valeri, Giampaolo.

This large, predominantly Sydney Olympic crowd went wild as Marshall Soper ran in to score a remarkable goal. It began with an acute angle after Parks failed to hold a shot from Peter Raskopoulos. Soper did his familiar "Chandon" victory dance and the crowd spilled onto the ground to welcome its new hero.

Soper scored his second goal

APIA 2 St George 2

Scorers: Stone (SG) 5th, Giampaolo (APIA) 35th, Kozcka (SG) 72nd, Valeri (APIA) 80th.

Crowd: 2000 approx.

Venue: Ziems Park, Corrimond.

Referee: Small 6.

APIA strikers Walter Valeri and Sebastian Giampaolo turned the clock back three years to produce a last-minute goal against St George at Ziems Park, Corrimond, on the NSW south coast.

With St George leading 2-1 and the ball out of play fast, Giampaolo received a quick ball from Peter Tredinnick, made ground on the left wing before squaring the ball towards Valeri who smashed it from two metres.

In the first half St George took the lead when Peter Stone grabbed a loose ball on the edge of the penalty area and let loose an unstoppable rising shot which beat Bobby Park all ends up.

After John Bradley had missed a sitter for APIA, Giampaolo made amends when he scored easily following a defensive slip by newcomer Jeff Biscaya.

After the interval the rhythm of play fell. Both Mouskotis of St George and Tredinnick had chances to break the deadlock but it was substitute Kozcka who did so when he beat goalkeeper Greg Woodhouse with a well-taken shot.

Pollard did get the measure of Soper in the latter part of the game but by that time the technically and especially physically superior Olympic was in command.

MASS EXODUS FROM RAPID WREST POINT?

The 1983 Tasmanian soccer season opens on Wednesday March 8 with the summer cup competition. Matches will be played on Wednesdays and Sundays culminating in the finals on Easter Monday.

The format for this season's competition has been changed from that of last season, when Croatia emerged as the winner. There will be two separate groups, one for Cadbury State League clubs and the other for Tasmania League clubs. Each group will have its own semi-finals and final and \$1250 will be up for grabs altogether.

It is too early yet to pick form as squads have not yet been finalised and quite a few players are training with new clubs without having signed for them or having obtained clearances from their previous clubs.

Rapid-Wrest Point, last season's State champion, has a new player-coach in David Crosson. He was the club's sweeper last year and it will be interesting to see how the ex-English professional (Newcastle United) shapes up as coach.

Several of Rapid's players are training with other clubs and last season's coach, Eamon Kelly, has been appointed coach of Caledonians (Brighton has reverted to its former name). Larry Nunn

... as NSL plans prove pointless

The Tasmanian soccer scene over the past 18 months has, in many ways, been one of false hopes and promises. There has been petty squabbling, character assassination, deceit, innuendo and injustice.

None of these things have helped the game to progress and many people who are genuinely interested in the future of the game have been disappointed and disillusioned.

In writing this article, I may be accused of adding to the sense of gloom that pervades the Tasmania game. But, certain things need to be said if things are to be put back on an even keel. We need to

rid of these blights if soccer in this State is to progress.

What can be done?

Firstly, the false prophets within the State must stop their spurious propaganda.

The Tasmanian soccer public has continually

been told that the State will

soon have a team in the national

league. When will the

promoters of this myth stop

resurrecting it each year?

Not until we get our own house in order will we be able to even

think of going national. And

yet, year after year, we are

told that a team from Tasmania is on the verge of being entered.

We can't even gain enough

sponsorship for the State Lea-

gue, let alone to field a team in

a national league. Let's stop

the boat then and I can't see it

returning in the foreseeable

future, despite the continued

pronouncements of some of

these prophets who are full of

their own importance.

Secondly, people must not

be fooled by the false proph-

ets from the mainland, even when they come bearing gifts.

One time, the Australian ASFA

marketing and PSL big shots

visited the State and promised us many things. The com-

mercial television station in

Hobart would be screening

mainland soccer programmes

the following year we were



• Steve Pollard

The nation-wide recession that has characterised these early unstable eighties has made an indelible mark on the City of Wollongong which is largely dependent on its steel and mining activities for survival.

The economic problems that have hit the Illawarra also affect Wollongong City Soccer Club, as was evident in the Super Challenge Cup tie.

Dwindling gates in 1982 and an understandable reluctance by the business community to put its money into soccer, have put the club in a delicate financial situation.

The Wolves managed to reach the top four last year but have yet to secure a major sponsor after the withdrawal of Westfield.

Money — or the lack of it — dominated therefore the club's policies during the off-season.

A bid to cut down on expenses, the club abandoned such folly as a full-time manager and engaged Willie Wallace as a part-time coach.

The club also stands to save money by moving from Wollongong Showgrounds to Ziems Park, in suburban Corrimond.

Visiting teams might not be impressed with the existing facilities but would surely relish a better playing surface.

The club also managed to convince its players to accept a cut in basic salary.

But the players will get a substantial increase in win bonuses, meaning they will earn much more money if they win but less if they don't.

Most of the first team squad signed one year contracts but stopper Arno Bertogna will

Wollongong shows effects of the economic recession



Philip Micallef

follow his Wollongong mate Peter Tredinnick to APIA.

The two clubs last week agreed on a transfer fee, pending a medical examination of Bertie.

Bertie's place at the back of the defence is expected to be taken by young successor Ray Villegas, who is in Costa Rica with the Australian squad.

The Wolves have lost another player — mid-fielder Lee Adam.

Adam now lives in Perth and is understood to be playing for his old club, Ingleside Kiev.

The Wolves appear to have been hard-hit in the transfer market but Wallace would be the first to concede that the club did very well to hang on to goalkeeper Jim Preston, skipper Chris Dunlevy and striker Phil O'Connor, probably the best players in the Wolves team last year.

Wallace is due to set to offer terms to defender Steve Pollard, who was in trials with the Wolves in the Super Challenge Cup series.

Pollard is on the books of State League club Blacktown City and there should be no obstacles as far as any eventual transfer talks are concerned.

Pollard used to play as a striker with APIA in the early seventies before suffering a damaged knee cap that seemed to jeopardise his career.

He does have top class experience because, apart from his APIA days, he formed part of the Blacktown team that played in the national league.

Last year's champ could struggle . . .

John Grimesy is Croatia's coach for 1983. I just hope it treats him better than it did me last season. With a new-look committee it's odds on that he might make a go of it. His first priority must be to obtain a goalkeeper because Steve Smith has gone to England.

Metro has retained Barry Shackley as coach and with the addition of the Rapid players mentioned earlier, should have a reasonable

season with the possibility of a mid-table position.

The relegation candidates appear to be University and Caledonian. University always has been a good second division side but, even in top company, Callies look like losing Hey, Tait and Parker, the three key players who saved them last year. Hey is keen to join Olympia; Tait is on the mainland and may return for a brief period; Parker has returned to Tasmania but may return to Tasmania.

By WALTER PLESS

TASMANIAN SCENE

some of the things that are going on".

There must also be no favoritism shown to any particular club or clubs. Certain clubs have been given preferential treatment and this is unjust and reeks of corruption.

It is about time that those whose actions are destroying the game here came to their senses. Honesty and integrity are needed if the game is to survive. The game should not be about establishing personal power bases at the expense of the development of the game in this State. The game is, after all, bigger than the individual.

ATTENTION ALL JUNIORS IN THE NORTHCOTE AREA

The Junior committee of State League club Northcote City invites all junior soccer players in the Northcote area to call at the City ground, John Cain Reserve, Northcote every Tuesday and Thursday night from 6-8 pm.

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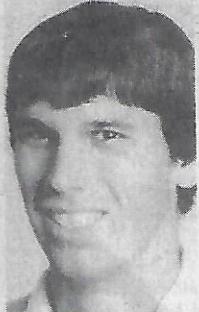
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ISRAEL DRAWS FIRST BLOOD, COSTA RICA ALREADY OUT



Roy Jones

Jones the gentle giant

By
TED
SIMMONS

Roy Jones is known as the gentle giant of the national youth team.

Weighing 87 kilos and standing 1.92 metres (6 ft 4 ins), Jones towers over most of his team-mates and is regarded by national coach Les Scheinflug as one of his key defenders.

Jones speaks quietly, has a ready smile and has improved tremendously in the past three months from an aggressive full-back to an over-lapping aggressive attacker.

"My father started me in soccer as a five-year-old playing in a Perth Under 8 competition, and also trained with me every day for half an hour during the winter at a half-hour school," he said.

"When I was 14 he told me I had to decide whether to continue in soccer so I stayed with the game and was selected in the reserve team for Perth Stirling Cricket Club."

"Rod Brown, the coach, had a good stopper and a sweeper but was short on fullbacks, so he looked at my height and said that was my position. The following year I transferred to Forrestfield where I was selected as leftback in the firsts."

"Jimmy Shoulder offered me a scholarship in 1979 to play with the Institute of Sport in Canberra after watching me in the national youth titles and I've been there since."

Jones is studying for a teaching diploma at the institute, and was tagged the "gentle giant" by his pupils, which carried over into the national team.

"I always have been conscious of my size and was never aggressive early in my career, being content to stop the ball and clear it," he said.

"I was known as 'Tank' for many years, and not for block busting runs, although I was the West Australian 200 metres school sprint champion. In my last year with Forrestfield, coach Ray Illott pushed me to go in harder and move with the ball."

"Last October, just before the Aspacities tour, I realised I could make an opposing player work the ball and not get hurt. In addition, Les Scheinflug did point out that I had to learn to tackle hard or I would be out of the team."

Jones is teaching primary school, and is allowed to study while on tour. He is engaged in a second course at the Canberra College of Advanced Education which involves computer programming and is looking seriously at computer work as a back-up when he finishes his soccer career.

"By nature, Roy is gentle and is always willing to listen. It is not easy to motivate him before a game, but he can now be a very hard and determined player if he becomes upset," said Scheinflug.

The Young Socceroos, who had played so well in tournaments in Mexico and Papua New Guinea, crashed 1-3 to Israel in the opening match of the World Youth Championship qualifying game in Costa Rica.

They rallied to beat Costa Rica 3-1 in their second match, but Israel was left with a decided advantage, especially since it also beat Costa Rica, 2-0, in its second game.

The Australia — Israel return clash yesterday (Tuesday) was to decide whether Australia remained in with a chance or whether Israel would go to the finals in Mexico in June.

Australia's last match is against Costa Rica tomorrow (Thursday).

Defensive errors cost Australia dearly in the first game against Israel.

After a scoreless first half, Raphael Cohen of Israel took only one minute to break clear and score the first goal. Then Ray Vlietstra failed to control a pass from Tom McCulloch in defence, allowing Yigal Menahem to score the first of his two goals.

Rod Brown pulled one back for Australia but Menahem struck again a minute from the end.

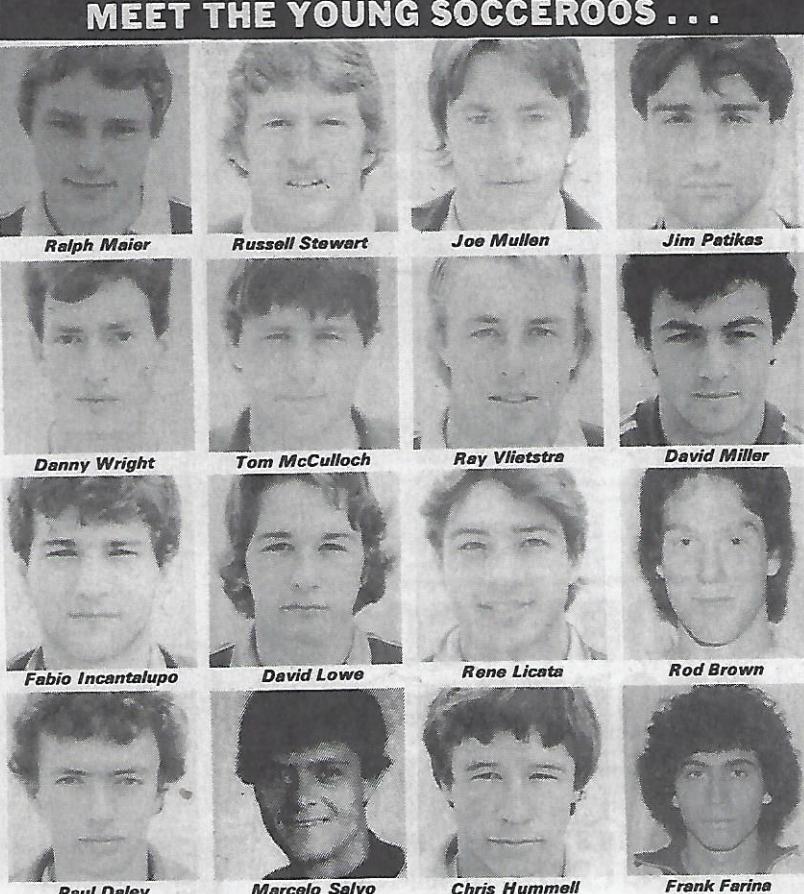
Australia's Jim Patikas, the man on whom the side relies in midfield, was closely marked and largely ineffective.

Australia's opening line-up was: Hummell — Maier, McCulloch, Vlietstra, Jones — Farina, Stewart, Patikas, Incantalupo — Brown, Lowe. Rene Licata came on as a substitute.

Israel's Menahem scored his third goal of the competition in the second half, beating Costa Rica 2-0, with Elivahu Ohana scoring the other.

Australia's coach Les Scheinflug made one change for the game against Costa Rica on Monday, replacing injured Russell Stewart with Victorian Marcelo Salvo, the former South Melbourne Hellas junior now with the Institute of Sport in Canberra.

Goals by Jim Patikas in the 8th minute and David Lowe in the 22nd gave Australia a good start before Ramirez replied for Costa Rica in the 44th. The match was evenly balanced now, with the possibility of a draw. But no, Frank Farina struck in the 60th minute to make it safe for Australia.



MEET THE YOUNG SOCCEROOS . . .

World travels make young stars hot properties

By
LAURIE
SCHWAB

Frank Farina, Rod Brown, Frank Faraone and Roy Jones have become players of distinction during the past two months.

Unknown before they hit the road with the national youth squad, they now are among the hottest properties in Australian soccer.

Brown was a junior with NSW State League club Auburn before the young Socceroos came third in the Joao Havelange tournament in Mexico and won the Oceania Youth Cup. Now he's joined youth team partner Tom McCulloch at Marconi for an \$8000 transfer fee.

And the other three are almost certain to join national league clubs as well. In fact, more than three quarters of the youth players will be snapped up by NSL clubs, according to their coach, Les Scheinflug.

Prize was heaped on the young Socceroos with great generosity during their world travels. Jair, the former Brazilian star who coached the Brazil youth team that drew 2-2 with Australia in Mexico, said:

"To be honest, we did not expect the Australian team to produce such a high standard of play. They are well organised, skilful and they do not stop running. I am the first to admit that we were lucky to escape with a draw."

Cesar Luis Menotti, coach of Argentina, rated Australia alongside the USSR as the best team in the Havelange tournament, and almost everyone chose Australian midfielder Jim Patikas as the outstanding player.

Patikas was unavailable due to injury for the Oceania Cup

PRACTICE MATCH in Mexico: Australia 3 (Incantalupo, Brown, Slater) Babyo 0

JOAO HAVELANGE TOURNAMENT, in Mexico:

Australia 2 (Lowe pen, Patikas) Brazil 2 (Hector, Elio).

Australia 1 (Lowe pen)

Mexico 1 (Vilches).

Australia 2 (Patikas, Brown)

Costa Rica 1

Australia 0 USSR 1 (Protosov), semi-final.

Australia 3 (Brown 2, Farina) Mexico 0, third place play-off.

Final: USSR 2 Argentina 1

OCEANIA YOUTH TOURNAMENT (Incorporating World Youth Championship qualifying games) in Port Moresby:

Australia 7 (Wright 3,

THE SQUAD

Goalkeepers: Chris Hummell, Anthony Franken.

Defenders: Ralph Maier, Tom McCulloch, Frank Faraone, Roy Jones, Lucio Ponzio, Ray Vlietstra.

Middlefields: Russell Stewart, Jim Patikas, Marcelo Salvo, Fabio Incantalupo.

Forwards: Frank Farina, Joe Mullen, Rene Licata, Rod Brown, David Lowe, Danny Wright, Paul Daley.

Ibero who controls our game from defence."

Awering criticism about his decision to leave Robbie Slater out of the squad that went to Costa Rica, Scheinflug says:

"Slater couldn't take the climate in Acapulco, so he didn't go to Port Moresby where it was just as hot. When he returned to training he didn't show sufficient interest."

Slater's club, St. George, is seething about the omission of Slater, who had a sensational debut season in the NSL last year.

Fabio Incantalupo who played in the 1981 World Youth Championships staged in Australia, lost 12 stone during the long campaign and was yet another of the stars.

Scheinflug, from Queensland, and Frank Farina from the Institute of Sport, as the most improved player in his squad, and describes midfielder Marcelo Salvo as "a little Ardiles — very quick and a great passer."

Salvo, born in Uruguay, was at South Melbourne Hellas before switching to the Sports Institute.

South Australian Joe Mullen was forced out of the squad by an ankle injury just before the Socceroos left for Costa Rica.

The injury occurred during a trial match against Melita Estates, and as a Melita player, Paul Daley, who was chosen as Mullen's replacement for the tour.

Daley also had come in as an emergency for the Oceania Youth Cup due to Patikas's ab-



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Per questa nuova colonna in italiano che la direzione del giornale ha voluto creare quest'anno, abbiamo scelto come titolo il pur sgrammaticato, ma consacrato dell'uso, "Viva Italia" che l'anno scorso salutò la strabiliante vittoria italiana alla Coppa del Mondo.

Ci autoriamo che tale grido di esultanza continui ad essere ancora appropriato sulla scena calcistica locale, dove ben tre squadre italiane si batteranno nel massimo campionato di Lega Statale, senza contare le tante altre che animeranno i campionati minori.

IL CAMPIONATO STATALE SI TINGE DI TRICOLORE

La stagione 1983 è ormai partita con la Ampol Cup a la Buffalo Cup, e altri vari tornei amichevoli, e già ha preso una tinta distintamente tricolore con le buone prestazioni delle tre squadre italiane che vi militano: Juventus, Morwell e Fawkner.

La "vecchia signora" sembra finalmente tornata nelle sue vesti da protagonista, ovviamente spinta dall'or-

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goglio delle sue tradizioni, e non cederà facilmente il mantello di squadra guida della comunità italiana che indossa da oltre un trentennio.

Il Morwell Falcons, arrivato nella Lega Statale grazie ad una decisione a tavolino l'anno scorso, ha già dato un saggio della sua validità amministrativa e organizzativa finendo al quarto posto l'anno scorso e quest'anno si è rinfornato in modo tale da poter ambire ancora più in alto.

Il Fawkner Azzurri e il "dilettissimo" che in cinque anni è arrivato in Lega Statale, partendo dalla quarta divisione della Lega Metropolitana, sul binario della gioventù a dell'entusiasmo. Quest'anno la sua strada si impenna in una ripida salita, ma il clan di Jukes Road ha già dimostrato di avere ancora una marcia in riserva.

Analizziamo da vicino le



Cedo Cirkovic

forze, e le debolezze, di ognuna delle "nostre".

JUVENTUS DA CAMPIONATO

La Juventus ha iniziato la sua campagna 1983 con buon anticipo e con un colpo sensazionale quando si assicurava il tecnico John Margaritis, votato miglior allenatore d'Australia nel 1981. L'ex nazionale greco comincia con il riconfermare in blocco

la squadra che era finita al terzo posto l'anno scorso e quindi procedeva a rinforzarla con elementi di gran valore, primo fra tutti l'ex "socceroo" Billy Rogers del South Melbourne, che nella sua prima uscita in bianconero ha ampiamente dimostrato di avere ancora i numeri per dominare la sua zona di centrocampo. Altro acquisto indovinato si è dimostrato Kevin Lloyd, il giovane attaccante del Carlton, che ha messo di verve e di classe. A questi si aggiungono presto il centrocampista del Frankston Paul Drinoczyk e il difensore dell'Albion Gary Cutler. Con il probabile rientro di Incantalo e Zanni, la Juventus avrà una rosa di circa 20 giocatori da cui scegliere, con ogni reparto ben fornito e con rincalzi validissimi. Basta guardare la difesa, molto solida nella sua probabile formazione tipo di Fantoma, V. B. Morris, Drinoczyk, Cutler e Hird. Con Cutler e Drinoczyk di lusso e rincalzi come Romano e Laletas pronti a fare il gran salto in prima squadra. Stesso discorso per il centrocampo dove a Rogers possono essere affiancati Ged Bannon, Tiziano Cavallari, Kevin Swinscoe, Jim Nelson, Frank Gereolia. La prima linea di Zanni, French, Lloyd e Incantalo appare ugualmente formidabile. Ovvio che l'unico problema di Margaritis sarà l'imbarazzo di scelta e probabilmente lo sfidamento della rosa con qualche nome.

Unico punto debole della Juventus potrebbe essere la mancanza di esperienza e di conoscenza delle avversarie che Margaritis potrà avere, venendo dalla Lega Nazionale, ma il suo capitano ed assistente allenatore, Pat Bannon, sicuramente riempirà questa lacuna. In conclusione, la Juventus ha una formazione provata e affilata, arricchita di elementi di assoluto valore, con rincalzi validissimi e con la giusta misura di esperienza e gioventù. Ecco tutto sotto la guida di uno dei migliori tecnici d'Australia. Direi persino che la Juventus 1983 può aspirare alla vittoria in campionato e nelle coppe e praticamente sconfitto.

Troppi Galli/Nel Pollaio/Di/Morwell

Il Morwell ha alla guida tecnica Gasparo Boggi, l'ex allenatore della Juventus, che forse per gli altri allenatori ha il dono di sapersi districare magistralmente nelle campagne acquisiti. Dopo aver ricostruito la Juventus l'anno scorso, quest'anno sta arricchendo il giallo forte Morwell di fuoriclasse come Bobby McGuinness, Eric Young, giocatore di prima divisione inglese e Jim McLean del Brisbane Lions. Unico problema che Boggi dovrà risolvere in fretta per non fare la stessa fine della Juventus di Rossi, Platini e Boniek, e' quello di mettere d'accordo i troppi grandi talenti del suo staff. In ogni caso il Fawkner sarà l'unico a dover fare fronte a quello della Lega Statale in generale e quello contro la Juventus nella lotta per la supremazia "italiana". Indipendentemente dal risultato di singoli incontri, a nostro giudizio la Juventus è ancora il coltellino dalla parte del manico e riuscirà a respingere l'attacco degli Azzurri. Una cosa però è certa: gli incontri diretti fra queste due squadre, molto di più che contro il Morwell, saranno battaglie all'ultimo sangue fra il tifo diabolico di migliaia di tifosi italiani.

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una buona ossatura che dovrebbe rendere facile l'inserimento di un sostituto di Nelli. Il centrocampo ha un perno eccezionale in Bingham e un buon elemento in O'Callaghan, ma è piuttosto sguarnito per cui Boggi dovrà cambiare in centrocampista qualcuno dei suoi attaccanti.

Un altro miracolo

A Fawkner?

In conclusione una squadra molto forte ma non troppo omogenea con alcuni notevoli sbilanci fra i vari reparti. Dovrebbe comunque buttarsi sicuramente per una delle prime quattro poltrone, ben sorretta dalla sua provata e capace amministrazione. Il Fawkner Azzurri e' ancora troppo un'incognita nel massimo campionato, nonostante gli eccellenti risultati di questo precampionato. La guida tecnica di Cedo Cercovic e' indubbiamente il punto di forza, assieme ai gialloverdi entusiastici della sua rosa giovanile. La domanda è: dopo aver vinto il campionato cadetto l'anno scorso potrebbe da sola ben figurare in Lega Statale, mentre si aspetta di vedere cosa potranno contribuire i nuovi acquisti Kojic e Popovic.

La situazione del Fawkner e' resa ancor più delicata dal fatto che la squadra potrebbe crollare dopo essere andata a tamburo battente ininterrottamente dall'inizio del campionato 1982, la Coppa Italia e il Trofeo V. B. Morris, situazione che lo ha visto in troppi attivo. A nostro giudizio lo sforzo titanico del campionato passato e della Coppa Italia meritavano un riposo più lungo, con la Buffalo Cup unico torneo precampionato. Ma Circovic ovviamente sa cosa sta facendo e conosce i limiti dei suoi giovani giocatori.

Il pericolo maggiore per il Fawkner però va ricercato fuori del campo, nella sua tifoseria abituata alle vittorie per tanti anni. Se arriveranno le sconfitte, e sulla carta dovrebbero avvenire, come reagiranno i tifosi azzurri? La stabilità dell'amministrazione del presidente Gregorio Schipano potranno indubbiamente attirare questo possibile urto negativo.

Ma Fawkner e' "terra di miracoli" e non dovrebbe essere impossibile una ripetizione del passato con sufficienti vittorie da vederlo in lizza per una delle quattro prime poltrone.

In ogni caso il Fawkner sarà l'unico a dover fare fronte a quello della Lega Statale in generale e quello contro la Juventus nella lotta per la supremazia "italiana". Indipendentemente dal risultato di singoli incontri, a nostro giudizio la Juventus è ancora il coltellino dalla parte del manico e riuscirà a respingere l'attacco degli Azzurri.

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Il 1983 sarà un anno tutto da vedere, con le emozioni che esaspereranno i tifosi di ogni colore, ma con l'inevitabile risultato finale che il calcio italiano localmente si "nuova" rendendo vivo ed attuale il grido di "Viva Italia".



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Sheffield United v Crystal Palace 0-1 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0

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Walsall v Peterborough United 1-1 0-1 1-1 2-0 0-0

Walsall v Plymouth Argyle 1-1 0-1 1-1 2-0 0-0

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JUGOSLOVENSKA SCENA

PO SEDMI PUT SA NOVIM IMENOM

Nacionalna liga Australije stvorena je sa dozom pesimizma. Do sprosle godine sve je bilo u redu, dok ekonomski kriza nije duboko pogodila sve drustvene aktivnosti. Nacionalna liga, odnosno Philips liga u to vreme, uvela je stednju, ali je ostetila razvoj nogometnog, odnosno oslabila klubove, koji nisu vise mogli da se oslove na sve svoje igrače. Sa jednim rezervnim igračem trener nije mogao da izmeni tok utakmice, narocito ako je u pitaju bio golman. Ova godina će biti još teže, jer se ekonomika situacija pogorsava. Dokle će klubovi moci da se bore za opstanak zavisi od igrača i njihovih zahteva.

Zanimljiv je položaj JUST-a u ovakvoj situaciji. Možda samo prividno, ali "plavi" pokazuju znake ozdravljenja. Unutrašnja borba još traje, jer se igrači tesko održavaju navika i zahteva. Ipač, rezultati imaju i to pozitivnih. JUST je najmanje potrošio od svih klubova u Melburnu, a imace jedan od boljih timova. U prvoj utakmici za Ampol kup, JUST je pokazao igru i zalaganje, koji su zadovoljili sve navijace. Sa malo vise sportske sreće JUST je mogao da pobedi Makedoniju sa kojom ima negativan bilans.

Ukoliko se novi igrači uklope sa uspe-

hom u "plavu" sredinu, JUST se ove godine neće boriti za opstanak u Nacionalnoj ligi, što bi slučaj svih sest godina do sada. Pored novajlja, najviše ohrabruju mladi igračevi, koji je JUST stvorio. Vlatko Belic, Pavle Simic i Sloboda Stojcevski su osigurali mesto u prvom timu. Sa uspehom se probijaju i savremeni: Peter Hrehorešin, Šefi Čurović i Tom Karic. Trener drugog tima Milenko Ruzmir, priprema veliki broj talentovanih juniora, koji su na kraju prošle sezone postigli izvanredne rezultate. Sto je najvažnije, svi oni volje JUST, spremni su da podnesu najveće naprave i ne traže mnogo. Ne treba zaboraviti ni povratku Bruna Cozzelle, koji je takodje mladi igrač, spreman da nastavi karijeru u JUST-u.

Stara garda je još uvek stub "plave" masine. Igor Hazabent je u životnoj formi. Isto tako Denis Boland, dok se Zdravko Lujic, Zoran Iloski, Slobodan Jovanovic, Jim O'Reilly i Jim Koniaris polako, ali sigurno vraćaju u formu. Najjače i najbolje oružje ovog tima treba da bude uguranost, jer su zajedno već pola decenije. Mnogo je vazaan njihov odnos prema treneru, ali i trenerova sposobnost da ih inspirise. Bobby McLaghlan je dva puta trijumfovao sa Green Gully-em i proglašen je za trenera godine u Viktoriji. Pored toga, sam je izabroa JUST, od koga je

pre nekoliko godina odbacen. Bas zbog toga zeli da se dokaze, iako je imao bolje ponude na drugoj strani.

Sledeci ispit Bobby McLaghlan i njegovu pulenu polazu u sredu uveče, 2. februara na Olympic Parku. Protivnik je Juventus, koji sa velikim ambicijama ulazi u novu sezonu. To je najstariji JUST-ov rival. Pre 30 godina susreti ova dva kluba su punili stadione. Juventus je onda bio smapion, ali je njegova slava potamnila, iako je imao bolje uslove i vise novaca od JUST-a. Pored svih teskoča, JUST je bio i ostao najstabilniji klub u Melburnu u Viktoriji. Jedini klub, koji je uvek takmicio u najvišem rangu. Retko kad jebio prvi, ali nikad poslednji, sto nije slučaj sa ostanim klubovima u Melburnu.

MAKEDONIJA je uspela u zadnjem dasku da okupi sive igrače sa kojima je uspesno završila proslodisnu sezonu. Da li se svi ostati posle Ampol kupa, to je drugo pitanje. Makedonija očekuje nekoliko novih igrača, od kojih je najpoznatiji Blagoje Odzaković iz skopskog Vardara. Njegov dolazak se smoga odugovlaci. BEZ obzira na trenutno stanje, Makedonija ima sposobnu upravu, koja će izvesti "crnorvene" na pravi put u najskorije vreme. U sredu, 2. februara Makedonija igra protiv Green Gully Ajadsa drugu utakmicu na Olumpic Parku.



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Readers are invited to write to Peter Katholos at 38 McKern Street, Campsie, 2194. He will answer their questions in this column.

KAT'S CORNER with PETER KATHOLOS



Olympic eyes title, but Hellas a threat

In this new, weekly column for "Soccer Action" I will be expressing the player's view of various aspects of the game and also telling you about some of my experiences. Also, I will give occasional tips for young stars.

To get the ball rolling, I first of all want to congratulate the national youth team for its fine performances in Acapulco and Morelia. We hope to qualify for the finals of the World Youth Championships in Mexico later this year, despite their bad start in Costa Rica.

It's also been pleasing to see the various TV networks showing interest in local soccer at club and national team levels. Perhaps this year we'll see a major breakthrough as far as television is concerned.

At national level, we'll be playing against New Zealand on February 22 and 27 and I tell you that it will be some battle!

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and he'll have to join me and Peter Raskopoulos in the midfield. Patikas will play on the right, Raskopoulos on the left and I will be in the middle in an attacking role. Raskopoulos is the one who'll stay back a little more.

Our strikers are Graham Jennings, Mark Koureas and Marshall Soper, which unfortunately leaves out Jim Redfern and Karen Williams.

Andy Scott and Ian Rowden, who both had been on the transfer list, have been given a reprieve. Rowden played centre back against APIA and did very well. He'll be vying with Jim Ziras, who has pulled a hamstring and will be out for three or four weeks. Ricky Herbert played sweeper against APIA and was very impressive, while Scott is at left back and if he does well, he'll probably stay there.

George Akcoutas is vying with Martyn Rogers for the right back position, and Tony Dakos, another former team player, is also in the running for a place in the team. He's a wide-forward player as well.

Looking at the likely outcome of the league championship, I expect South Melbourne Hellas to be up there with the leaders due to their recruiting and the coaching of Raleasic. Sydney City also will be up there although they've lost John Spanos and Patikas, and so will St George who have the same strong team as last year. Heidelberg has been pretty consistent, so I think they'll do well again, and of course Olympic is set for a great season.

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GERMANS TRY THE SIN BIN

West Germany's two national league divisions are experimenting with the ice hockey "sin bin". The referee now has the option of showing an offender the yellow card, sending him off for 10 minutes or dismissing him for the rest of the match.

Darasselja killed

Russian international star Vitaly Darasselja was killed in a car crash just before Christmas. The dynamic midfield player took part in the World Cup finals in Spain and scored the winning goal in Tbilisi's European Cup-Winners' final triumph in 1981.

Merry-go-round

Managers who have got the axe or resigned in England during the past three months include: David Webb (Bournemouth); John Newman (Derby County); Peter Anderson (Millwall); Bobby Murdoch (Middlesbrough); Roy McFarland (Bradford City); Ken Cragg (Charlton); Mike Bailey (Brighton); Ardon Griffiths (Crewe Alexandra); Malcolm Allison (Middlesbrough); Peter Taylor (General Manager — Derby County); Roy McFarland (Team manager Derby County); George Graham (Millwall); Jimmy Melia (Caretaker Brighton); Harry Redknapp (Bournemouth); Trevor Cheary (Bradford City).

Yugo scandal

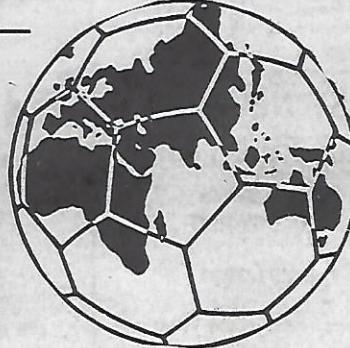
The financial director of the famous Yugoslav side, Red Star Belgrade, has been jailed for eight years. Mihajlo Korice was found guilty of stealing about \$14,000 in ticket money.

Combined Ireland?

Harry Cavan, the senior vice-president of FIFA and presi-



From JIM COOK
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\$180,000 each

Haan's fine run

Dutch midfielder Arie Haan has appeared in no fewer than 18 major finals in a 12-year career with Ajax Amsterdam, Anderlecht and now Standard Liege. It was as a substitute for Nico Rijnders that Haan won his first European Cup final, against Panathinaikos, in 1971. By next season, when Ajax faced Internazionale in the final, Haan, John Neeskens and Gerry Muhren were recognised as the best midfield trio in Europe.

Ivan Balevsky, who plays centre back for Levski Spartak Sofia, is only 15 years old, making him probably the youngest player to appear in any of the three European competitions.

Lato the best

Alfredo Di Stefano (Real Madrid coach) chooses as his best players Grzegorz Lato (Poland), Zbigniew Boniek (Poland), Bernard Genghini (France) and Junior (Brazil).

Four want Cup

FIFA will decide in Stockholm on May 20 whether Mexico, Brazil, the USA or

Kieft gets boot

Wim Kieft of Ajax won the Adidas Golden Boot award as Europe's top scorer in league competition for 1981/82. Kieft, with 32 goals, beat runners-up Dello Onnis (Tours) and Kresimir Kranjcar (Paris St. Germaine), ex-AZ '67 Almara, with 29 goals each. Next was Alan Hansen (Hamburg), ex-Denmark, with 26, and Horst Hrabesch (Hamburg) and Jacques (Porto) with 27 each.

Miljanic back

Marin Miljanic (Yugoslavia) has

3-point scheme to boost crowds

Now more than ever, we in soccer must aim at selling our product. One of my first tasks — and I make no apologies — will be to contact Brian Dixon, the new manager of the Sydney Swans, for we can learn a lot from Australian Rules football.

It fascinates me that Collingwood VFL club is planning to spend \$5 million on its operation this year, for I look back at 1967 when the players of Essendon went on strike to get a wage increase from \$25 to \$30 a week!

Look at the strides that have been made by Aussie Rules since then.

Brian Dixon was the Victorian Sports Minister before taking up his appointment with the Swans, and I believe he has a lot to offer us in the way of guidance.

My new club, South Melbourne Hellas, has a huge potential audience available from among the 300,000 Greek migrants living in Melbourne.

We don't get as big a percentage as other clubs have the same problem, so it follows that we haven't been selling the game in the right manner.

It's a complex problem, and many aspects have to be considered in trying to determine a solution.

But at least we've made a start in awarding three points for a win instead of two.

Now, winning two games is better than drawing six, meaning every team will have to go out and attack, and thus offer



RALEASIC

two, more tackling, more fire, more general involvement and effort.

All that adds up to entertainment and that's exactly what the public wants. It's been said that a club supporter wants nothing except from seeing his team win but I believe that the way the team wins is also important to him.

Sydney City won championships galore but its general play was inspired ecstasy among its spectators, not the low attendances. Sure, there's more to it than that, but one surely would expect marginally larger crowds if the entertainment value were greater.

A team can lose 0-1 and still draw applause because it has given total effort, but a team can win 1-0 despite an incomplete and disjointed approach. Spectators of the losing team will come back, but fans of the negative team will stay away in greater and greater numbers the longer the negative approach persists.

Teams that sit back, waiting for the opponents to make an error, will pay dearly under the new points system. You will achieve far more by forcing errors than waiting for them to occur.

The need to provide entertainment is more important now because there is a real chance that the economic depression will cause people to stay at home rather than part with their money.

Players, and coaches, make their living from the game so, for them, it comes down to keeping or losing their jobs. They must be prepared to give more than they've given in the past, and I'm sure they will rise to the occasion.

Sad death for Garrincha, joy of the people

By PAUL MOON.

The death of Garrincha, announced on January 19, was a tragic but predictable end for a great athlete who failed to come to terms with life when his glorious career closed.

Garrincha, 49, died in Rio after fracturing his skull in a fall.

Born with severely twisted legs, Manoel Francisco dos Santos underwent a series of operations during his infancy, yet always had a deformed left leg.

It was miraculous therefore that the youngster was able to kick a ball, let alone have aspirations of becoming a professional footballer.

A professional footballer he did become, however when Botofofo signed him from junior club Pau Grand-

é. The young winger became an instant favorite and was rechristened Garrincha ("Joy of the People") by Botofofo fans. In 1957 he spearheaded the club's Rio championship success, only his second ever, and won his first international cap yet was only a second string for his country at the start of the following year's World Cup.

After two games in Sweden, Botofofo introduced Garrincha, along with a 17-year-old named Pele, into its line up at the insistence of the national coach of Yugoslavia, Isidro Aguirre. Garrincha proved devastating, scoring twice against both England and Chile as the holders strode majestically through to the final.

Unfortunately he was sent off against the Chileans, but escaped the normally automatic suspension to line up against Czechoslovakia. Here the bow-legged winger had one of his quieter matches, failed to find the net and had to content sharing the tournament's leading scorer title with five others. Nobody could begin to imagine him a second world Cup winner's medal.

He remained an integral part of Brazil's 1966 World Cup side but England was not a happy hunting ground for the champions. The 3-1 defeat inflicted by Hungary was Garrincha's 41st and last international and the only loss he experienced while wearing a Brazilian jersey.

He delayed retirement for a further six years in which Flamengo, Bangui, Portuguese Santista and Olaria were served. Only a serious knee injury forced him to hang up his boots at 39.

Loneliness and the breakdown of his marriage triggered a drinking problem which was to haunt him for the rest of his life. To make matters worse each visit to the alcoholics' clinic was eagerly catalogued by Brazil's



Rossi, Bearzot

The international soccer magazine "World Soccer" has handed out the following accolades: Footballer of the Year: Paolo Rossi (Italy); runner-up: Karl-Heinz Rummenigge (West Germany); Manager of the Year: Brazil's manager

